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Har Homa bulldozing faces delay

By DAVID MAKI JYSKY

There are indications that bulldozers will not begin digging at Jerusalem's Har Homa this week, though surveyors will begin work in the area and the paving of an access road will begin on Tuesday, cabinet-level sources said.

The decision to delay earthwork on Har Homa, which Palestinians have said could trigger a hostile reaction, is apparently not due to political factors but to technical difficulties. The sources said the bulldozers are likely to begin work next week.

Despite Palestinian threats of potential violence, no one at Friday's cabinet meeting called for the project to be delayed. Ministers felt that if the project is stopped, Israel would face pressure from Palestinians on a whole range of issues.

During the course of the meeting, sources said, General Security Service head Ami Ayalon said Palestinian violence is definitely possible once construction begins, but said the GSS has no warnings about anything specific.

Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai said he does not believe there will be violence. Nonetheless, the cabinet approved plans for military reinforcements in the event of emergency.

At the Friday meeting, both Ayalon and OC Intelligence Maj. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is straddling the fence on the issue of violence: He has not called for violence, but he has not called on the Palestinians to refrain from it, either.

According to the intelligence officials, Arafat feels this stance gives him the most maneuvering room. But they said they are convinced that if Arafat does not want violence, it will not occur.

Ayalon praised Arafat for preventing a "few" terror attacks recently, but did not give details. At the same time, Ayalon voiced concern about increased political contacts between Arafat and members of the Palestinian opposition.

At the start of the cabinet meeting, participants observed a moment of silence for the seven schoolgirls who were killed at Naharayim.



President Ezer Weizman is wheeled into Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem on Friday, after breaking his wrist and hip while getting out of a helicopter. (AP)

Hussein on condolence visit today

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

Jordan's King Hussein is to make a nine-hour visit here today, which will include condolence calls on the families of the seven schoolgirls who were shot dead by a Jordanian soldier in Naharayim on Thursday.

Hussein will also hold talks in Jerusalem with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman. The last time Hussein was in Jerusalem was for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral in November 1995.

Netanyahu and Hussein are expected to meet alone for one hour this afternoon at the Prime Minister's Office, Netanyahu's aides said.

There was hope in Jerusalem last night that the visit, while humanitarian in nature, would also enable both men to address their differences and improve bilateral ties. Early last week Hussein sent Netanyahu a harsh letter charging that the premier no longer seemed committed to peace.

"Israel and Jordan have had long-term mutual interests, which continue despite the ups and downs in the peace process," said Netanyahu foreign policy adviser Dore Gold. "It is necessary to figure out how to protect this relationship from the inevitable difficulties as the issues of the negotiations become more difficult."

Jordanian officials declined to comment last night.

The monarch, who will be accompanied by two of his grown children, Prince Faisal and Princess Aisha, and the head of the royal court, Awn Kahasawneh, will arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport around noon. Hussein will be greeted by Netanyahu, who will accompany the king throughout his stay.

According to the schedule issued last night, Hussein is to visit the bereaved families in Beit Shemesh, where he is expected to spend close to three hours.

Afterwards, he is to proceed to Hadassah-University Hospital in

Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section to visit a girl pupil and teacher wounded in the attack, and to see Weizman, who underwent surgery on Friday after a fall. After visiting Weizman, Hussein and Netanyahu are to go to the premier's office and then the King David Hotel, where they will hold a joint press conference.

It is expected that Hussein will condemn Israel's plans to move ahead on the construction of

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Jewish housing in Jerusalem's Har Homa. Afterwards, the two leaders are to have what officials characterize as a working dinner and be joined by several members of the cabinet.

The visit is being called "Operation Warm Feeling." Some 3,000 policemen are to be deployed to protect Hussein. Traffic is expected to be snarled in Jerusalem for much of the day, and traffic on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway will be forbidden around the times of the king's arrival and departure.

Brig. Gen. (res.) Yigal Pressler, until recently the prime minister's adviser on terrorism, was named Friday by Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer to head the ministry's inquiry into the Naharayim massacre. Others on the committee are former ministry director-general Dr. Dan Sharon and Aharon Bletchinsky, director of the ministry's Jerusalem district.

The Pressler Commission is to examine various aspects of the ill-fated excursion that are connected with the ministry, from the approval of its original route up to the attack on the schoolgirls.

In Jordan, meanwhile, King Hussein on Friday launched an inquiry into the attacker's motives, appointing Mohammed Kailani, a veteran security chief

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Arafat: Peace process near breakdown

Gaza forum uneventful

By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat chaired a forum of foreign diplomats in Gaza yesterday aimed at "saving the peace process" in the face of actions by Israel which, he said, will destroy it.

In the growing atmosphere of tension underlined by the slaughter of seven Beit Shemesh schoolgirls Thursday by a Jordanian soldier, Arafat said he is opposed to terrorism. But, he added, "as we have already said, while peace and terrorism cannot go hand in hand, nor can peace and settlements." He could not, he said, predict the actions of the Palestinian people.

Arafat's aides were more blunt. "I think the peace process is finished with this government," FA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said. "The Israeli government is ignoring its own security services' warnings of violence if they send bulldozers to Har Homa. Netanyahu's statements, his ministers' statements, destroy peace and if there is no peace there will be war."

Abdel-Rahman said he hopes today's condolence visit by King

Hussein will cause a change of heart in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "at the eleventh hour," as Hussein's intervention helped seal an agreement on Hebron two months ago. Diplomats from the US, Russia, the European Union, the UN, Japan, Norway, Egypt and Jordan attended the meeting in Arafat's office. The French consul in Jerusalem represented the EU. The US was represented by Consul General Edward



Arafat said the government had reneged on agreements with the previous Labor government concerning settlements and Jerusalem, with the decision to build on Har Homa the most blatant and most serious example.

He noted that the Labor government had frozen plans to build on Har Homa - while it built in other parts of Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim - because it understood how serious construction there would be.

Netanyahu's plan, Arafat said,

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Weizman satisfactory after hip surgery

By BATSHEVA TSUR and JUDY SIEGEL

President Ezer Weizman was in satisfactory condition at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem last night, after undergoing an operation on Friday for a fractured left hip and arm. He is expected to be released on Wednesday.

Jordan's King Hussein is due to visit the president at the hospital this afternoon.

Weizman tripped Friday as he descended from the helicopter which took him back to his Caesarea home from Poriya Hospital near Tiberias, where he visited some of the schoolgirls wounded in the Naharayim massacre.

"I believe my coat caught in something," Weizman told reporters. "I tried to break the fall and landed on my left side."

"It must be contagious," Weizman joked, noting that US President Bill Clinton had torn a tendon in his right knee at approximately the same time and that Sara Netanyahu, the prime minister's wife, had twisted her ankle.

The president was taken immediately to the nearby Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera, accompanied by his wife, Reuma, but shortly afterwards he was

transferred by helicopter to Hadassah in order to be closer to his office in Jerusalem.

Orthopedists at Hadassah said they hope Weizman can be discharged later this week. On Friday, he underwent a two-hour operation under spinal anesthesia to set his left thigh bone.

Dr. Iri Leibergal, a senior orthopedist who performed the surgery along with department head Prof. David Segal, affixed the fractured bone together with metal pins. They did not need to change the hip joint. The limb was bandaged, and because of the pins, the president did not need a cast. He was already able to step down on his left leg yesterday.

Surgery was not needed on the fractured bone in his left hand, which was put in a cast, Leibergal said.

After a few days' recovery in the hospital, Weizman will need a few weeks' rest, and although his mobility will be limited during this time, he will be able to get around with a walker or cane.

Last night, he was visited by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza.

February CPI jumps 1.2%

By DAVID HARRIS

The consumer price index shot up by 1.2 percent last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced Friday. It is the first time the index has risen by more than 1% since May 1996.

The key factors were rises in housing prices and a 12.3% increase in the cost of fruits and vegetables.

While the general rise in prices is considerably higher than expected, Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman David Neumann warned against undue alarm. The January CPI was up

only 0.4%, making a combined 1.6% increase for the first two months. This, Neumann said, must be compared to the 1.8% increase during the same period last year.

Housing prices rose by an overall 1.4%, largely because of the 1.8% increase in the dollar exchange rate. The cost of purchasing a property rose some 1.4%, with rentals going up by 1.8%.

The fruit and vegetables index rose 12.3%, which the CBS put down to seasonal factors. Fresh vegetables became more expensive by 26.4% and fresh fruits by 5.7%. Eggplant rose in price by

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The above photo was taken at the dedication ceremony of the center. From left to right: Lieut.-Col. Devorah Pinot, LIBI Fund; the Administrator-General, Attn. Shmuel Tzur; Col. Meir Blayer, Commander of the LIBI Fund; Chief Education and Youth Corps Officer, Brig.-Gen. Avraham Asaf; Shoshana Kaban of the Administrator-General's Office.

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Fuerst school waits for king

By ELIJAH WOHLGELER

If King Hussein visits the AMIT Fuerst school in Beit Shemesh today, he will be respectfully welcomed by the administration; but will he be rejected by the parents, by the students?

"I hope not, I hope not," said Moti Farber, principal of the school's junior high school grades, but added: "I don't want to speak for people who have suffered. I don't have the right to tell anybody not to be angry."

Farber said that while in his view, "I'm not sure it's not a little soon" for Hussein to make

the visit, "I understand and appreciate the gesture he's trying to make."

For Farber, any kind gesture is welcome.

Since Thursday, he has been living with the hell of a school and community in pain and confusion, and he's been trying to help soothe the suffering felt by everyone.

At the school on Friday classes were optional, but many students came anyway, to talk to their friends, their classmates, their teachers.

"There was no extreme response," Farber said. "The kids were quiet, very respectful,

somewhat introverted. This isn't the stage where it's going to come out... I don't know when it's going to come out."

He said some of the pupils got emotional, but no one needed medical care, and a backup staff of psychologists and social workers were there on standby. The eighth-grade girls class had a psychologist talking to them all morning.

"A few kids were crying, but it wasn't hysterical, it was very quiet, an inner thing, not thousands of kids crying. Just sort of each one helping the other, being there for when someone needed them - if a kid was cry-

ing, to take them aside and give them a drink."

The school started letting the pupils go home at 11 a.m., as they wanted.

Some hung around. "After we were in class, during the break they lit candles in the main entrance, and wrote things on the walls," said Farber, 40, who has been at the school for 15 years, the last seven as middle school principal.

Today, he said, "We're going to try and keep them in class according to the normal school rule, but we'll be flexible, of course. Right now we're just trying to be there for them."

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Hizbullah gunmen fire at IDF tank, SLA positions

By DAVID RUDGE

Fighting continued in the security zone over the weekend as Hizbullah kept up the pressure of attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets.

There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops in the incidents, which occurred on Friday afternoon in the zone's eastern and western sectors.

In one of the long-range clashes, gunmen opened fire with anti-tank missiles on an IDF tank in the Talousa region, in the zone's eastern sector.

Hizbullah claimed in a statement issued in Beirut that one of its newly revealed tank sniper units had hit an IDF tank with a missile during the fighting. There was no damage to the vehicle, however, and the members of its crew were unhurt.

Simultaneously, Hizbullah gunmen fired mortars at SLA positions nearby, while launching a separate long-range mortar attack on another SLA outpost in the Rashaf region, in the zone's western sector.

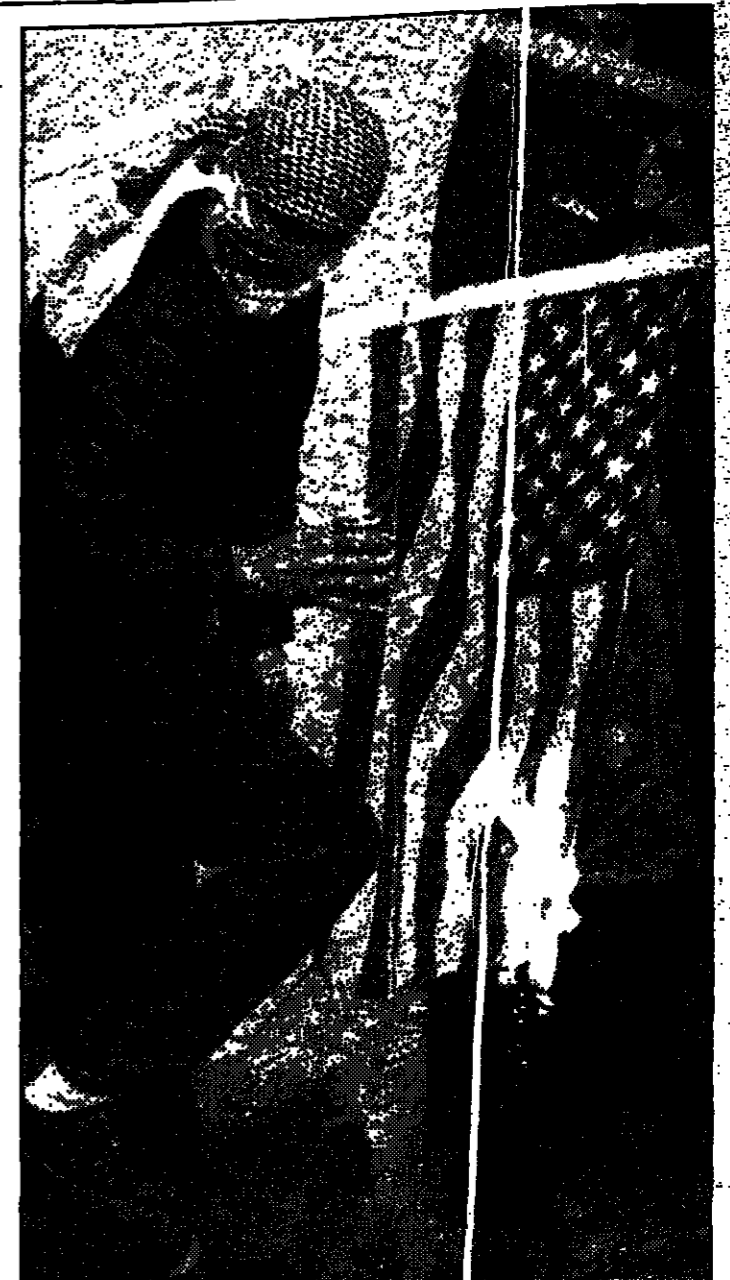
Reports from the zone said no damage was caused in any of the attacks and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, late on Thursday night, the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee concluded its deliberations into Israel's complaint over an abortive Hizbullah car bomb attack in the zone last Monday on the outskirts of Tel al-Kabah village - less than 500 meters from the border with Israel.

An IDF soldier was moderately wounded and two Lebanese civilians were lightly hurt when the perpetrator detonated the device prematurely and fled after being spotted.

The IDF Spokesman said in a statement that the monitoring group had accepted Israel's claim and determined that a car had exploded near an occupied house in the region of Huleh village, causing the casualties and damage to the property.

The committee, set up to supervise the understandings reached at the end of the Grapes of Wrath fighting last April, expressed regret over the incident's outcome. It called on the responsible parties to adhere to the understandings in full and ensure that no further attacks be launched in residential areas, and to refrain from endangering civilians or damaging property.




Palestinians protest Har Homa plans
Masked Palestinians burn an American flag during a demonstration in Nablus yesterday against plans to construct Jewish housing at Har Homa. An alliance of eight Moslem groups, including Islamic Jihad and Hamas, called on Palestinians to escalate attacks against Israel to block the construction. The Jerusalem Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference is to convene in Morocco on March 27 to discuss the Har Homa plans, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced yesterday. (AP)

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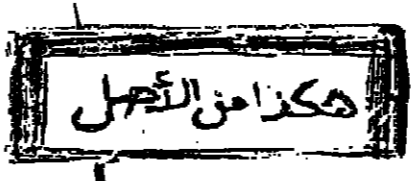
 

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Evacuation chaos in Albania



US Marines guard the US embassy in Tirana, Albania, yesterday during the evacuation of Americans from the city. (AP)

News agencies

TIRANA, Albania — Hene Beqiri said she cried as she left Albania, and like other Americans lifted to safety by US helicopters this weekend was stunned at how quickly the Balkan country had disintegrated.

The 26-year-old Beqiri had been working for Albanian television. With gunmen roaming the streets in recent days, she was taken in for protection by her neighbors, who escorted her to the US embassy to await the Chinook helicopters.

"I was crying. I am afraid for the people I left there," Beqiri said. "The ammunition has to run out sooner or later."

Among those evacuated was a South African woman shot in the shoulder when she was near the US embassy, Navy Cmdr. Henry Golden said.

The US evacuation in Tirana came under fire from the ground, said Marine Col. Emerson Gardner, commander of the operation. A Cobra helicopter gunship returned fire, officers said.

An Italian AB-212 helicopter was hit by gunfire early Friday during an evacuation mission, but no one aboard was injured, the Defense Ministry said in Rome. Italian aviators had reported gunfire Thursday night during the height of Italy's evacuation of around 1,000 foreign nationals.

"There are a lot of people with weapons and a lot of indiscriminate firing," said Gardner.

Some 169 Marines were sent into the US embassy in Tirana and a compound where diplomats live. The Nassau, a helicopter carrier, was part of a Marine amphibious unit stationed in the Adriatic.

"It's a bit unnerving all this fir-

ing going on," said Gardner.

The chaos was even more intense in the port of Durres, where thousands of Albanians broke through police ranks yesterday in a desperate, failed attempt to escape the country on a Greek frigate evacuating Chinese and Iranian diplomats.

Police fired hundreds of warning shots into the air in an unsuccessful bid to hold the frenzied crowd back. The unarmed civilians threw rocks and stones at the police and finally evaded the security cordon by climbing over, around and through a three-meter high wall at the port. By the time the stampede arrived the ship was steaming away.

"We have two options, either we take guns and kill these bastard police, or we get a boat out of here," one young Albanian told reporters.

OSCE: Send foreign troops to Albania

VIENNA (Reuters) — Ambassadors of Europe's top security body agreed yesterday to give broad support to sending foreign troops to Albania to halt anarchy in the Balkan state.

The 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) backed a proposal by the OSCE's mediator in Albania Franz Vranitzky to ask foreign governments to send forces, but no individual state gave an explicit commitment to do so.

"If the international community does not accept this task today, it will have to handle it tomorrow, but the task will be bigger... and the bill will be more expensive," said ambassador Lars Vissing of Denmark, which holds the current chairmanship of the OSCE.

Vranitzky held talks aboard an Italian frigate in the Adriatic on Friday with leaders of the Albanian government and rebel forces from towns in the south. The former Austrian chancellor said he was told by the government that it could no longer control the spreading armed rebellion and wanted outside intervention to help restore order.

"There is no alternative (to foreign intervention) as far as I can see," Vranitzky said on Friday.

Vissing told reporters that ambassadors at yesterday's emergency session expressed broad agreement on three elements of Vranitzky's report — the need to restore order with a stabilization force; the need for international financial support; and the deployment of OSCE missions to help rebuild democratic institutions and prepare for early elections.

Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen told European

Union foreign ministers at a meeting in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn yesterday that he believed Albanian President Sali Berisha should step down to help end the current crisis.

The rebels accuse Berisha of corruption and of failing to put a stop to bogus pyramid schemes, in which many citizens poured their life savings. Their collapse ignited widespread unrest which has in the past two weeks deteriorated into chaos and anarchy.

Albanian ambassador to the OSCE Zef Mazi told reporters after the emergency session that the organization had an important role to play in ending the mayhem in Albania, but stressed it had no say in whether or not Berisha should resign.

He said he was encouraged by the amount of support shown by the OSCE for some form of foreign intervention in Albania. "There was a lot of political readiness, sympathy and solidarity expressed in the meeting this morning," Mazi said.

Vissing said he would hold meetings over the next few days with any potential contributors to Vranitzky's proposals and work closely with the EU and the Council of Europe to reach a speedy decision.

"We're working on this as fast as possible. It is a matter of extreme urgency," he said.

According to Vranitzky's report, Berisha, all political parties and rebel committees share the same goal — the restoration of order and democracy and the holding of fresh elections.

But one sticking point was likely to be Berisha's tenure of power. Rebel committees insist Berisha should go before there is any chance of a return to peace.

UN envoy arrives in rebel Zaire

GOMA, Zaire (Reuters) — United Nations envoy Mohammed Sahnoun arrived yesterday in the rebel-held eastern border town of Goma for talks with rebel leader Laurent Kabila aimed at ending the fighting in Zaire.

Sahnoun arrived in a motorcade at the lakeside palace used by Kabila. He made no comment to waiting reporters. Sahnoun, appointed by the UN Security Council and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), arrived in Goma from the Rwandan capital Kigali where he held talks with President Pasteur Bizimungu and Vice-President and military strongman Major-General Paul Kagame on the fighting in Zaire.

His brief involves brokering peace in Zaire, Africa's third largest country, and the Great Lakes region of Central Africa.

On Thursday, Sahnoun met Kabila in Uganda at talks chaired by Ugandan President and regional powerbroker Yoweri Museveni.

But Kabila again refused pleas from Sahnoun to accept a ceasefire to pave the way for talks with Zaire's government.

Diplomats in the Ugandan capital Kampala said Museveni, a regional power broker accused by Zaire of backing Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-

Zaire, facilitated the face-to-face meeting but did not take sides.

Kabila, whose forces are advancing on Zaire's third-largest city of Kisangani, has accepted a UN peace plan as a basis for talks but rejected its call for a ceasefire.

The rebels say they want to overthrow Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko, who had surgery for prostate cancer last August and is now resting in France.

Kabila's rebels have made significant gains and a regional military source said yesterday they were advancing on the town of Pweto on Lake Tanganyika in the mineral-rich Shaba province.

Kisangani, its jungle setting immortalized in Joseph Conrad's bleak novel *Heart of Darkness*, is a strategic prize for the rebels.

The nerve center of army operations in the warzone, it is perched strategically at the head of a major navigable stretch of the mighty Zaire River that flows west from there to the capital Kinshasa — some 1,500 km downstream.

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No trace of survivors in Iran crash

TEHRAN (AP) — Search teams found parts of an Iranian military cargo plane that crashed in northeastern Iran, but located no trace of the 86 passengers and crew, Iranian radio said yesterday. It said teams from the army and Red Crescent, the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross, were continuing to search in the mountainous area despite snow storms and sub-zero temperatures.

The plane was carrying soldiers and their families when it crashed Thursday 75 kilometers west of Mashhad.

The US-made C-130 lost contact with the control tower at Mashhad one hour after taking off for Mashhad from Dezful in western Ahvaz province. The pilot had reported technical difficulties. Iranian aviation officials said Friday that all 86 passengers and crew were presumed dead.

Thou shalt steal from supermarkets

LONDON (AP) — A Church of England vicar created a stir yesterday by suggesting it was no sin to shoplift — as long as the victim is a big supermarket.

"Jesus said 'Love your neighbor.' He didn't say 'Love Marks and Spencers,'" the Rev. John Papworth said on a BBC radio show. Papworth drew a distinction between stealing from individuals or small merchants — which he says is wrong — and stealing from giant retailing corporations, whom he says have run little stores out of business and harm local communities.

"With these institutions, all you are confronted with are these boardroom barons sitting round the boardroom plotting how to take the maximum amount of money out of people's pockets for the minimum in return," Papworth said.

The Church of England distanced itself from Papworth.

New AIDS drugs available for children

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Two AIDS drugs were approved for use by children on Friday, the first specific drug for pediatric AIDS in the United States, federal health officials said. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it had approved Agouron Pharmaceutical's nelfinavir, to be sold under the brand name Viracept. It was approved for both adults and children.

The FDA also gave Abbott Laboratories' ritonavir, sold under the brand name Norvir, approval for pediatric use. It has been available to adults for about a year.

Egypt police identify massacre suspects

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egyptian police suspect three fugitive Moslem militants active in the south massacred 13 people after rampaging through a southern hamlet this week, security sources said yesterday. The sources identified the men as Anwar Hamed, Abdel Razek Atta and Mahmoud el-Farshouti — wanted members of the militant Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group). The government newspaper *Al-Ahram* published photographs of Hamed and Farshouti.

On Thursday, three suspected militants gunned down residents of Ezbet Dawoud village. Eight were identified by police as Coptic Christians, one of the groups targeted by the Gama'a in its campaign to topple the government. Hours later they shot dead a woman and wounded seven others after spraying a Cairo-bound train with bullets when it stopped at Nag Hammadi, about 450 km south of the capital.

Russian jailed for trading in human flesh

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Russian court sentenced a murderer who traded pieces of his victim's flesh as ordinary meat to eight years in prison yesterday.

The man, Anatoly Dolbyshev, from the town of Berezniki in the Ural region of Perm, was found guilty of stabbing to death a friend of his mother's in a fight. Dolbyshev, who had several previous convictions, then cut up his victim's body and sold pieces of the human flesh to unsuspecting local townsfolk in exchange for vodka.

Police were called when one buyer found a strip of human skin in the meat. The court found Dolbyshev guilty of murder, "swindling and appropriation of property through deceit."

Japan nuclear leak bigger than operator admitted

TOKYO (AP) — The amount of radiation released in an accident at a nuclear plant in northeastern Japan was 10 times higher than initially reported by authorities, the plant operator said yesterday.

A fire broke out Tuesday at a nuclear plant in Tokaimura, 110 kilometers northeast of Tokyo. An explosion followed and 37 work-

ers were exposed to radiation.

The government operator, Donen, said yesterday workers miscalculated the amount of radiation found in the plant's ventilation system. Instead, the radioactive material released in the accident was 10 times more concentrated than the plant initially reported. Japanese newspapers

reported the amount could be as high as 20 times what Donen reported at first.

The cause of the fire and explosion was still under investigation. Yesterday, plant workers continued sealing broken windows and doors to stop further leaks.

The plant has refused to say just how much radiation was emitted but insists it was not dangerous.

Cabinet ministers yesterday went to the plant. The accident came just as Japan was trying to rebuild trust in its nuclear program after a December, 1995 accident.

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who headed the powerful intelligence bureau in the 1960s and early 1970s, to direct the investigation into the causes behind the shooting.

Kailani, 64, a trusted confidant of the king, has also held the post of interior minister. From 1993 until February 1996 he was the king's national security adviser.

Jordanian officials confirmed that the gunman is army driver Sgt. Ahmed Daqansa, 25, from a small village called Idr in Jordan's Irbid province, which overlooks northern Israel.

The monarch has viewed the shooting as a personal attack on him, coming from the army establishment which takes pride of place in Jordanian society as his main power base.

"I am sure you share with me... and all members of the honorable Arab army's armed forces the feelings of pain, shock, and shame over the vile crime... by the bullet of a treacherous coward, who has harmed the noble reputation of our army and its honor," the king told Kailani in the letter of appointment.

Political analysts say it is too early to say if the killing is a reflection of any disaffection within the loyalist army.

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"will isolate Jerusalem from the West Bank and sever northeast Jerusalem from southeast Jerusalem. It aims 'to build hotels there in preparation for Bethlehem's year 2000 events, with the aim of replacing Bethlehem with the new settlement."

A poll taken of 500 Palestinians in the Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Hebron areas by Dr. Nabil Kokali's Palestinian Center for Public Opinion last Tuesday, indicated that 72 percent believe negotiations should be suspended until Israel reverses its decision on Har Homa, while 48 percent think there should be a new intifada because of it. Almost 41 percent favor suicide attacks against Israelis.

There was almost total condemnation of the redeployment decision, which 95 percent think unsatisfactory. The margin of error was 3.5%, Kokali said.

On Thursday the Palestinian Legislative Council proposed suspending negotiations.

Arafat told the conference Israel's decision to redeploy from only 2% of area C "was a shock for us." He also reiterated to the foreign envoys other charges of delays on Gaza's port and airport.

Clinton undergoes surgery

By TERENCE HUNT

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP) — President Bill Clinton will hobble on crutches for weeks after surgery to repair a damaged leg, but he doesn't want the injury to affect foreign policy too much.

Although a visit by Jordan's King Hussein next week will be postponed, plans continue to call for a trip to Finland next week for a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was also going ahead with an African trip with daughter Chelsea.

On Friday, surgeons repaired a painful torn knee-tendon in Clinton's right leg after a middle-of-the-night accident at the Florida home of golfer Greg Norman. The president will use crutches for eight weeks or so and face arduous physical therapy.

"We were very happy with our repair," the chief surgeon said. "I feel great. They did a terrific job," Clinton said after two hours of surgery. "I just had an unlucky break."

"He has an excellent chance to regain full motion in his knee," said Dr. David Adkison, adding though that the tear was more complex than normal for such an injury. Doctors said it would be perhaps six months before the president would regain full use of his leg.

"He wants to know when he can swing a golf club," Adkison said. "We'll see." Clinton is expected to remain in the hospital until today.

The president interrupted a post-operative news conference that was broadcast live on television, calling by telephone to give his own report on the surgery.

Stressing that he had been injury-free most of his life, he said, "Don't worry about it. I'll just spend a little time here and go back to work." Doctors said



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits President Clinton at Bethesda Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, yesterday. (AP)

Clinton would be on a non-narcotic painkiller for a time.

The tear in Clinton's tendon was unusual, physicians said.

"It tore in a way where there actually still was some of the tendon attached to the bone, which is uncommon," Adkison said.

The president's leg was put in a brace but not a cast. "The main thing we don't want to happen is a

fall," Adkison said. "He might reinjure this."

The accident occurred about 1:20 a.m. Friday at Norman's 80-acre oceanside estate at Hobe Sound on the east coast of Florida, where the president was staying before playing in a golf tournament.

The president was rushed back to Washington, where he was

operated on at Bethesda Naval Hospital in this Maryland suburb.

The surgery was done under a spinal anesthesia, leaving the president conscious.

Turning in for the night after spending several hours with Norman and his family, the president misjudged the steps leading to a walkway and stumbled, tearing the quadriceps tendon that

connects the upper thigh to the kneecap.

"He remembers his right knee buckling out. He heard a very loud pop," said Navy Capt. Connie Mariano, the president's personal physician.

It was so loud that Clinton "claims Greg Norman heard it," presidential aide Bruce Lindsey said.

Murder charge in Cosby slaying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors filed a murder charge Friday against a young Russian immigrant in the shooting of comedian Bill Cosby's son and added a special allegation that could lead to the death penalty if he is convicted.

Mikhail Markhasev was charged Friday with murder, attempted robbery and use of a firearm during commission of a crime in the January 16 killing of Ennis Cosby, who was shot to death while changing a tire near a freeway.

The allegation that Cosby, a 27-year-old doctoral candidate, was

killed during an attempted robbery is a so-called "special circumstance" that, if upheld at trial, could allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty.

The filing came as details of the Soviet emigre's past began to emerge. He was described as a better-than-average student and hard worker at his job in a plant store, but he also had a juvenile criminal record that landed him in a probation camp for six months in 1995.

"He just seemed like a nice kid who lived down the block," said Jim Herzoff, owner of Mainly Seconds Pottery Plants and Things, where

Markhasev was hired last month as a cashier.

Arrested Wednesday at his North Hollywood apartment, Markhasev, was in the custody of sheriff's deputies at the criminal court building as he awaited arraignment.

Markhasev came to the United States as a refugee from the Soviet Union in 1989 and is not a US citizen, a federal official said.

Police Lt. Anthony Alba declined to release Markhasev's criminal history, but newspapers reported it included convictions for marijuana possession and assault.

Australia anti-racism protest turns violent

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — An anti-racism protest in Australia turned ugly yesterday when demonstrators tried to break through a police barricade and storm a bookshop run by a right-wing group.

Police on horseback were called in to keep the 500 protesters at bay, after some tried to breach the barricade set up in front of the shop in suburban Melbourne, police said.

Protesters threw bottles, sticks and eggs at the shop run by National Action, accusing the group of being a neo-Nazi organization.

Police arrested four protesters, charging two men with assaulting police and a third with unlawful

assault. Police were well prepared for the protest, deploying over 80 officers, including about a dozen on horseback, in case of trouble.

The protest included Jewish, trade union and homosexual groups. They marched on the shop after rallying in a nearby park to object to the what they called racist, anti-immigration and homophobic messages promoted by National Action.

National Action's Michael Brander told reporters: "We don't want an Asian future. We certainly don't want a homosexual future... We don't want the government to continue to use left-wing scam to try and silence freedom of speech."

UK chief rabbi fans Reform rift

LONDON (Reuters) — A leaked letter from Britain's chief rabbi attacking non-Orthodox Jews inflamed bitter divisions Friday in the country's Jewish community.

"The leaders of the Reform, Liberal and Masorti movements know that they have no enemy and opponent equal to the Chief Rabbi," Jonathan Sacks wrote to right-wing Orthodox Rabbi Chanoch Padwa in a letter published by *The Jewish Chronicle*.

Liberal and non-observant Jews were angered when Sacks failed to attend the funeral last year of popular Reform Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a Holocaust survivor who promoted relations between Jews and people of other faiths. But when Sacks attended a secular memorial service last month for Gryn, Orthodox rabbis protested.

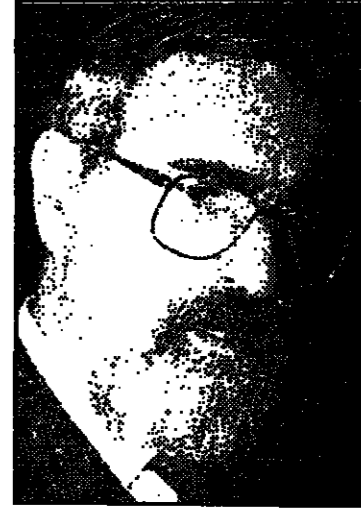
"There is a sacred responsibility which rests upon me, not merely to give this false grouping recognition, but also not to be a cause of their receiving that recognition from the state, the government and the heads of churches," Sacks wrote in his letter to Padwa.

The *Jewish Chronicle* said the letter, marked "not for publication," was leaked to it last month.

The newspaper said it published it because British Jews and the institution of the chief rabbi had become engulfed by a "conflict unprecedented in their history."

The newspaper acknowledged that liberal Jews dismayed at Sack's handling of the row over Gryn's funeral might be prompted to set up a leadership of their own.

The chief rabbi, who sparked



Jonathan Sacks (AP)

another outcry in 1995 when he denounced Conservative Jews as "intellectual thieves," appeared to be telling his right-wing critics that he was only publicly praising Hugo Gryn for political reasons, the newspaper added.

The crisis blew apart a facade of unity Sacks has struggled to present since he became chief rabbi in 1990.

While pockets of orthodox Jewish revival have sprung up, religious observance among Britain's 300,000 Jews has declined and Sacks has fought to contain growing internal factions.

"I have sought to make us — all of us — a little prouder to be Jews," he wrote in an article next to the letter. "I have sought peace and actively pursued it. That effort has been rewarded by disdain."

Oscar-winning director Zinnemann dies

LONDON (AP) — Fred Zinnemann, the Oscar-winning film director who dramatized issues of conscience in *High Noon*, *A Man for All Seasons* and *Julia*, has died.

Zinnemann died Friday at his home. He was 89.

"It appears to be natural causes," said Pamela Godfrey, a colleague of Zinnemann's son, producer Tim Zinnemann. "He just stopped."

His films posed dilemmas of moral courage and physical bravery. *High Noon* (1951) lifted the Western genre to new heights.

His other films included *A Man for All Seasons*, for which he won an Oscar in 1956, *Oklahoma!*, *From Here to Eternity* and *The Day of the Jackal*.

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Canadian MDs help heal Mideast wounds

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOWICH

Two neighbors had a fight decades ago and don't know how to make up. A third party who wasn't connected to the dispute gets the disputants interested in a subject that would benefit both of them, thereby eliminating the grudges, smoothing over sensitivities and healing the wounds.

This is very much like the situation involving a non-governmental organization in Canada with strong ties to both Israel and the Arab world. The Isabel Silverman Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO) hopes to be a catalyst for bringing Israelis, Jordanians, Palestinians and others together by encouraging joint medical research and collaboration.

CISEPO was founded in 1984 by Prof. Arnold Noyek, chief of otolaryngology at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. It began as a bilateral program between Israel and Canada and specifically in promoting cooperation in the ear-nose-and-throat specialty, especially in dealing with cancer in these organs. But within two years, Noyek and his colleagues decided to expand CISEPO's agenda, and the Middle East peace process showed the direction for its growing interests.

"We decided to weave Israel into the fabric and bring others into it so that everyone benefits," said Noyek in a recent interview during one of his very frequent visits to Israel.

CISEPO, which has an annual budget of \$300,000 (mostly from the Saul Silverman Family Foundation in Toronto), forged formal links with Hadassah-University Hospitals in Jerusalem, the Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, Wolfson Hospital in Holon, the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, as well as the King Hussein Medical Center in Amman, Green Lane Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand, and University Hospital in Utrecht, the Netherlands. It also has ties with the Arab community in Canada, which numbers in the tens of thousands.

"We have excellent relations with Palestine House-Canada in Toronto, which is headed by Rashad Saleh and Shawkhi Fahel. At the same time, we have close ties with B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress, and representatives of both have met with heads of Palestine House."

Using its connections with Canadian medical institutions, CISEPO aims to enrich academic medicine and health care both locally and internationally and - with respect to Israel and its neighbors - "to contribute to enhancing security and peace and furthering the goal of economic and cultural growth and development," Noyek explained.

The program provides academic, financial and directorial support to several programs here and has initiated collaborative research and medical service programs in this area involving Canadian and Middle Eastern professionals.

"When medical cultures rub up against each other, the result is synergistic. Both of them gain," Noyek said, when asked how Canada benefits by its connections to doctors in other countries.

Among the senior Israeli physicians who have benefited from the program are Prof. Rafi Feinmesser, a leading otolaryngologist at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, students of Prof. Yosef Elidan, head of the ear-nose-and-throat depart-

ment at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem; Dr. Yebuda Roth of Wolfson; and Dr. Dan Fliss of Soroka. They were sent to Canada for two years to study advanced techniques not then known in Israel. When they returned, they instituted treatments and research here that would otherwise not have been possible.

Feinmesser opened a molecular biology lab at Beilinson and his unit became the leading thyroid cancer center in the region, Noyek noted. Fliss, who trained in Canada five years ago, brought back an expertise in skin-based ENT surgery. "For years, surgeons thought they couldn't get into these parts of the body because the difficult location made them inaccessible. But now we know how to do it safely."

Elidan and his colleagues have developed a way to study evoked potential (using an electronic monitor without the patient's active involvement) to find the cause of balance disorders. This directly resulted from the CISEPO project. Roth, who has just completed his two years in Canada, is about to open a nasal-airflow lab at Wolfson.

Noyek said CISEPO's programs are growing to other disciplines, but that as ENT is his specialty - and because otolaryngology was the pioneer in endoscopy and other non-invasive medical procedures - it will continue to be prominent. So far, CISEPO researchers have produced an impressive 250 medical articles in textbooks and prominent journals around the world.

Philip Aber, CISEPO's policy planning adviser who accompanied Noyek on his latest trip, noted that recent meetings they organized in Gaza involving Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians were very successful. "The Jordanians are very encouraging of scientific cooperation with Canada and want it to expand to other neighbors in the region," he said. "The same is true of the Palestinians, but it has to occur at a pace that satisfies all the partners."

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza met with Noyek and Aber during their visit here and strongly endorsed efforts to serve as a bridge between doctors in the region. "Israel can and should reach out to its neighbors and establish lasting partnerships that address common interests. Our organization can serve as an honest broker," Aber added. The result is the establishment of a CISEPO Canada-Israel-Palestinian Authority medical and health services program. It will extend to dentistry, nursing, public health and other medical and paramedical specialties.

Palestinian doctors are "realistic" about the need for cooperation with Israel, said Aber. "They and the Israelis both know you can't have economic and social development without peace, or peace without economic and social development."

Cancer affects every nation, thus the Middle East Cancer Consortium (including Cyprus, Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority - with Turkey soon to join) has been enthusiastically received by participants. CISEPO, as a voluntary organization with good contacts among the other partners, has been chosen Canada's official representative for the consortium, whose international executive director is Professor Michael Silberman, the Health Ministry's former chief scientist.

If cancer can help long-feuding neighbors to find common interests and work together, then so be it.

Haredim care for their own

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOWICH

Rochelle lies on a thick foam mattress surrounded by toys and waits for her turn with the physiotherapist. The only things that seem to move in this four-year-old with cerebral palsy are her eyes: her pupils dart constantly from one side to another, as if they were trying to escape from a body that doesn't work properly.

The sweet-looking child is one of 80 aged one to 13 who are being cared for at Tikvah Layedel, a CP rehabilitation and special-education center in Jerusalem's Bayit Vegan quarter. It's the only such facility in the capital for children with CP from the haredi community - which for years tended to virtually hide such children in closets for fear that their mere existence would harm their siblings' chances for a good match for marriage.

Today, the problems and needs of physically and even mentally disabled children in the haredi community have emerged from the closet, and families stricken by such disorders have set up voluntary organizations to meet their unique needs.

Fifteen years ago, it happened to Zvi Braitstein and his wife Sheindele. They had two healthy children, and then triplets were born: two healthy girls and one boy, Yoel, who was different. Zvi, a 13th-generation Jerusalemite and the son of the long-time secretary of the Eda Haredit, made his living producing leather housings for teffilin, and he had never even heard of cerebral palsy.

He soon learned that the condition strikes 0.7% of all babies, affects over 10,000 Israelis, and is caused by injury to the central nervous system during pregnancy, delivery or soon after.

When Yoel's problem was finally diagnosed at the age of two, Zvi took him and the whole family to Brooklyn, where he was put in touch with another teffilin-maker who had a son with CP and who ran a rehabilitation institute for such children. "I met numerous Israeli families like ours who left the country to get help for their children in a religious atmosphere," recalls Zvi, a Hassid who wears ritual fringes out-

side his shirt and black trousers tucked into long black socks - yet his openness and familiarity with medical conditions are incongruously modern. "I thought to myself: if I can take an inanimate piece of animal skin and mold it into boxes to hold teffilin parchment, then one could take a CP child, who has a soul, and help make him better."

Although Zvi found work in his vocation in New York, the Braitsteins wanted to return to Jerusalem, but they could do so only if they had a suitable place for treating Yoel. He was enrolled in the rehabilitative kindergarten directed by the late pediatric neurologist Prof. Naomi Amir, and he progressed neurologically. But the parents felt uncomfortable that their son, who is a bright boy, didn't get the type of religious training they were accustomed to. "There are some 200 severely disabled Jewish children, some of them haredim, under care of nuns in Ein Kerem. Their parents may feel they have no alternative, but we wanted our son to live with us, and we needed help."

"We dreamed of setting up a CP clinic; we never dreamed of being able to develop the facilities we have today," continues Braitstein. Tikvah Layedel's main facility is Neveh Zvi, a five-story rented apartment building at 16 Rehov Sha'are Torah in Jerusalem. CP youngsters - not only haredim but also from non-religious and modern Orthodox families - are bused in, and spend more than eight hours a day with a staff of highly professional teachers and physical and occupational therapists.

There are computers, special therapeutic equipment (including customized boots that hold the feet straight to stretch spastic hamstrings), electric wheelchairs and catered meals for the children, whose parents pay a nominal NIS 100 to NIS 150 a month for care. The rest is covered by contributions from the Jerusalem Municipality, the ministries of Education and Labor and Social Affairs, and by private donors.

One of the most moving experiences, recalls Braitstein, was going into the building recently and seeing the whole staff and children over-



A child with cerebral palsy is treated at Tikvah Layedel.

come with emotion. "There were tears in their eyes, and at first, I was worried that something bad had happened. But I could see they were happy. They told me that one four-year-old boy, who had been undergoing physical therapy for 18 months, had taken his first step and begun to walk. This was just one reward for hard work."

Marvin Samuels, a New York philanthropist, serves as president of the organization, and Canadian businessman Albert Reichman is a member of the board. Esther Wolf heads the Israeli women's committee that helps support the organiza-

tion, while a distinguished medical board includes senior experts in the field, including Dr. Paul Jordan of New York Hospital, Dr. Warwick Peacock of the University of California at Los Angeles, Dr. Fred Epstein of New York University, and Prof. David Segal, Yehuda Shapira and Ilan Arad of the Hadassah-University Hospitals in Jerusalem.

Segal, who heads the orthopedics department at the Ein Kerem hospital, declares that he can "say only good things about Tikvah Layedel. Ten years ago, the Braitsteins consulted me and explained the special

needs of haredi children with CP. No matter how much the family love them, CP children need a lot of help, and their progress is very slow. It's not like an orthopedic problem that you operate on and solve. Recovery is not complete.

"For resources, staff size and facilities, no institution dealing with the physically handicapped can compete with Jerusalem's Alyn Hospital, which is one of the best in the world. But for those haredi families that wanted a framework of their own, any organization that provides professional, high-level assistance in a way that makes parents comfortable is a boon."

In addition to Neveh Zvi, Tikvah Layedel also supports the local production of children's wheelchairs and therapeutic workstations for free distribution to hospitals, institutions and private families. It also brings foreign medical experts here for training local doctors in the most advanced methods and operations; sponsors symposia, provides personal family counseling, organizes CP parent support groups and operates a broad volunteer program that directly helps parents function on a daily basis.

Braitstein, now the father of 13, living in the Ramot quarter of Jerusalem, worries about what will happen when the youngsters reach the age of 18. "We will add extra classrooms as they get older, but when they reach adulthood, someone else will have to establish a place for them."

As it is, Tikvah Layedel has a long waiting list, and could double or triple the number of youngsters if it had the facilities. It only now received a donation to install an elevator in the building; until it is built, parents and therapists have to carry them up the stairs. "We dream of having a building of our own that's physically suited to the needs of the children," Braitstein says.

"The conditions are not ideal," says physical therapist Yocheved Azulai. "But we manage with what we have. Progress for a CP child isn't measured in terms of passing exams. We have a feeling of satisfaction when we know we've done something that makes the child feel good."

HEALTH SCAN

Smoking in pregnancy increases risk of handicapped baby

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

If women don't yet have a good reason not to smoke during pregnancy, here's one: a study published recently in the prestigious journal *Pediatrics* found that the risk of having a mentally handicapped baby is at least 50 percent higher in women who smoked during pregnancy than those who didn't. The study, quoted in a recent issue of the Hebrew-language *The Israel Journal of Family Practice*, notes that pregnant women who smoked over a pack a day were 75 percent more likely to have a mentally deficient child. This is in addition to a much greater risk of low birth weight, complications during delivery and crib death.

Dr. Alon Margalit of the family medicine department at Ben-Gurion University notes as an addendum to the article: "If this piece of research doesn't induce mothers to stop smoking, then what will?"

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
Aging skin can rehabilitate



(Nissan Shorer)

itself, according to new research conducted at the Rapaport School of Medicine at the Haifa

Technion. But don't get your hopes up yet for a rejuvenation: it has been shown so far to work

only on mice. Dr. Amos Gilhar took skin from an elderly person and transplanted

it onto the body of a special variety of hairless mice which have a weak immune system and thus can't reject the transplanted tissue. Three months later, the transplanted patch regained its original thickness and looked like that of a youngster.

To check the results, Gilhar counted the number of melanocytes (pigment cells) in the skin, which decrease in number with aging due to exposure to the sun by about 8 percent every decade after the age of 20. He found the number of melanocytes in the transplanted skin was significantly higher.

The rejuvenation secret is apparently in the increase in the presence of cytokines, which are proteins that stimulate the renewal of skin.

As people get older, they have fewer cytokines, but when placed on a young animal, many of them were restored.

The Technion researcher says it's unlikely that the fountain of youth will be found in the near future, but he does believe that "science will discover the secret of aging - in the cells."

Rx FOR READERS

Digital thermometers can be as accurate as mercury type

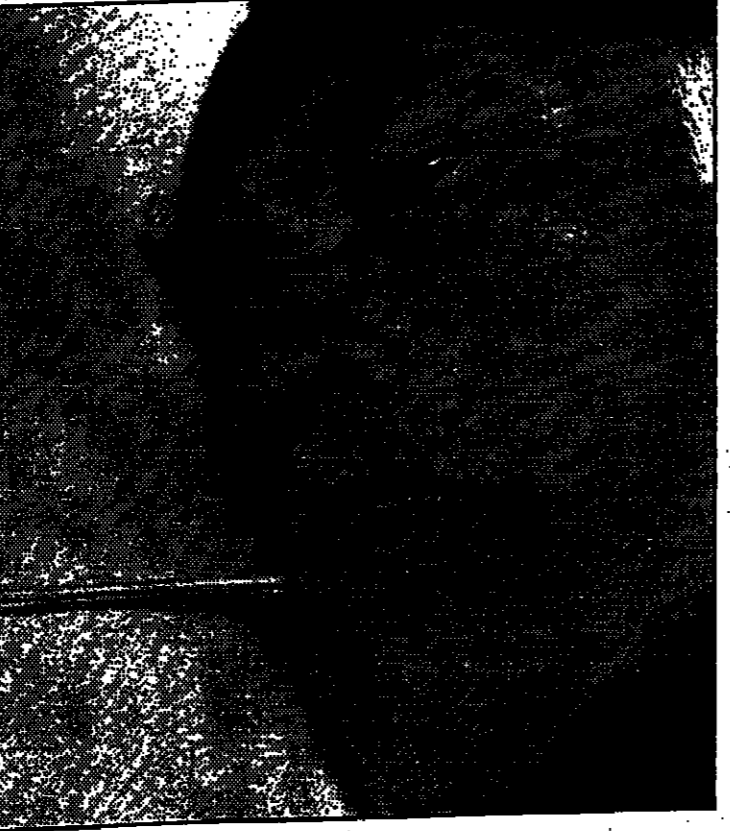
By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Is a digital thermometer as accurate as a conventional mercury one? If so, why don't they use them in hospitals? D.R., Ashkelon. Dr. Avi Livnat, director of the medical device department at the Health Ministry in Jerusalem, replies:

There are many different types of digital thermometers, some of them very accurate and some less so. In general, the thermometer in the form of a pacifier is less accurate than that which measures temperature via the ear. In most cases, the variations are not in several degrees Celsius but in tenths of a degree.

Our department has checked some of them and has issued letters of approval to those that meet our standards. Consumers should ask the pharmacist to see the letter of ministry approval before buying. Unfortunately, we haven't examined all of them, as we are still waiting for the passage of a law that would require all medical equipment to be registered by my department before it can be imported and marketed.

We won't have to check all of them ourselves, as we accept rulings of the US Food and Drug Administration, the British medical device agency and others abroad; we will check all Israeli-made devices that haven't yet been approved by foreign agencies.



(David Bronner)

Conventional thermometers with mercury are cheap and highly accurate; they don't break down except when they break into pieces. But your statement that digital ther-

момeters are not used in hospitals is incorrect. Most neonatal departments use them on infants. Many have a cheap disposable tip so they don't even have to be sterilized. But

some hospitals don't use them because of the cost - and conservatism. If you see that a certain brand of digital thermometer is used in a hospital, you can be well assured that it is an accurate model.

What type of pillow is better for an asthmatic: down or synthetic? A.T., Beersheba.

Prof. Meir Shalit, director of the Internal Medicine A Department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and an expert at the hospital's allergy and clinical immunology unit, answers: Asthmatics who suffer from the type caused or worsened by allergies to the excrement of house-dust mites are advised to purchase special covers to their pillows, blankets and mattresses.

These mites, invisible to the human eye, live in rugs, pillows, mattresses and blankets. These special zippered covers, while expensive, can prevent the mites from colonizing. In general, there are fewer mites in synthetic pillows than in down pillows, but the special cover is highly recommended.

Such environmental control can significantly reduce asthma attacks in those patients allergic to dust mites. Not all doctors remember to give their patients this advice.

Does eating chicken skin have a harmful effect on one's blood-cho-

lesterol level? E.E., Jerusalem.

Rene Lipa, director of the nutrition and diet unit at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, replies: Chicken skin adds considerably to the cholesterol, fat and caloric level of portions in which they are served. It is not necessary to remove the skin before cooking, unless you are cooking with rice, potatoes or other vegetables that absorb the fat and from which it cannot be separated. When cooking chicken soup or gravies, it's easy to cool the liquid until the fat congeals and then remove it. If serving chicken whole, you should remove the skin before eating. I recommend this as a preventive measure for healthy people with low cholesterol levels, and certainly to people with high levels who suffer from heart disease. Replacing part of the animal fat in one's diet with olive oil, avocado and olives is strongly recommended.

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ON CAMERA

Desert photography

By DAVID BRAUNER

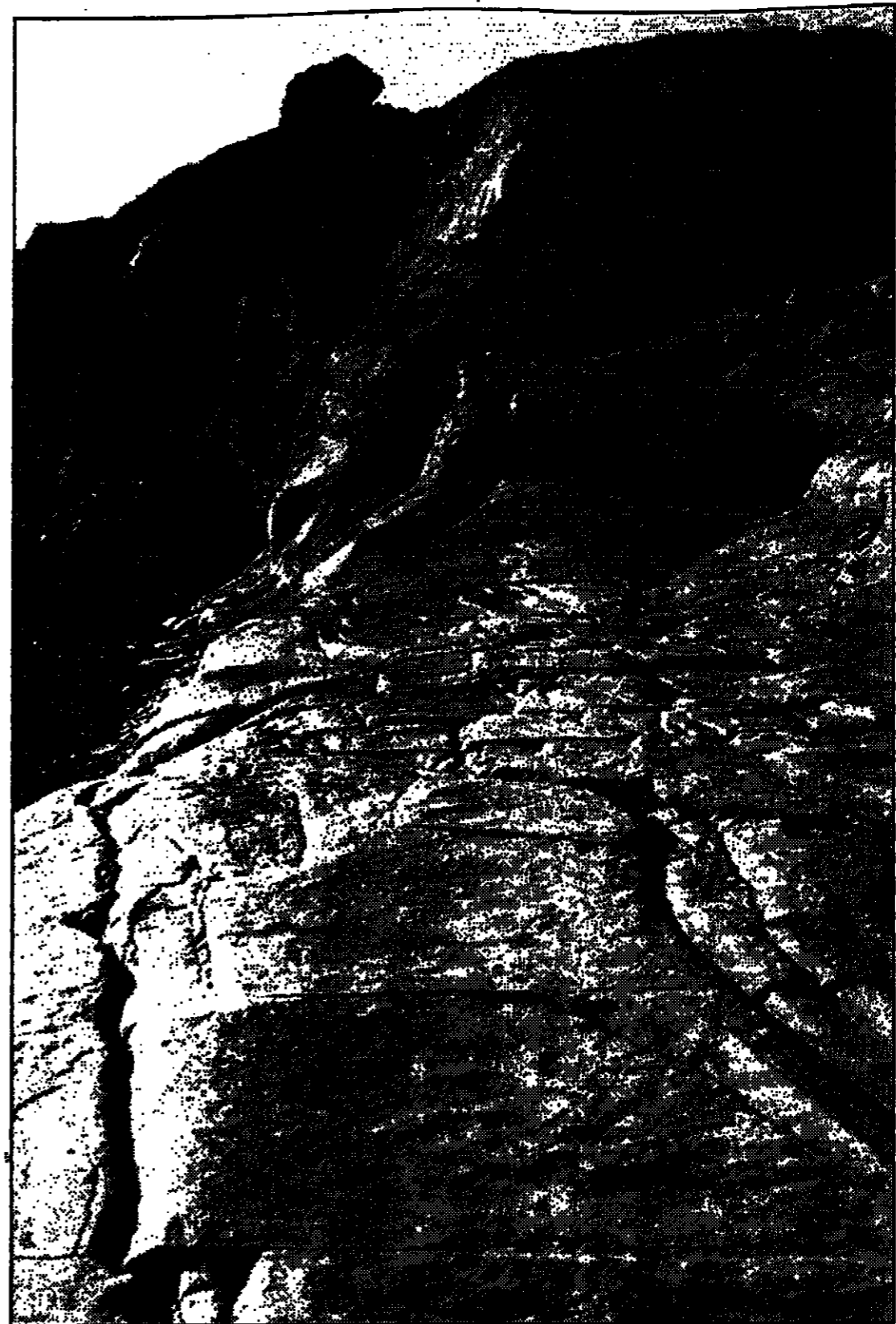
The camera is no stranger to the desert. Within months of Daguerre's invention of photography in 1839, a French team headed out to the exotic and arid lands of the Middle East. Artist Horace Vernet and his technician nephew wrote home from Cairo: "We are daguerotyping like lions."

The most intrepid 19th-century desert photographer was Englishman Francis Frith. In 1856, he tackled the overheated wilderness regions of the Holy Land, the Sinai and Egypt, where he journeyed 2,415 kilometers up the Nile. At times, temperatures inside his horse-drawn darkroom reached 55 degrees Celsius. The extreme heat sometimes caused the wet collodion

emulsion to boil when Frith poured it on the glass plates. Looking at an 1857 Frith photograph of Mt. Sinai, one instantly recognizes the photographer's fascination with the barren majesty of mountain and the surrounding rocky plain. Since the last century, many nature, landscape and art photographers have found themselves drawn to the seemingly changeless drier

regions of the earth. Some, like Ansel Adams, Minor White and Elliot Porter, have devoted large portions of their oeuvre to the badlands of North America.

Here, where the 12,000 square kilometers of the Negev mountains and steppe cover about half of the country's area, it is little wonder that many of our finest photographers gravitate to the south of the country. Photographic books inspired by Israel's desert lands have been published by naturalist Dr. David Darom, nature photographer Shai Ginott, landscape artist Neil Folberg, and the late Gail Rubin, to mention but a few. Wadis, dunes and nomadic peoples have been the subjects of numerous exhibits. Springs and pools highlight artist-photographer Howard Clapsaddle's introspective "Pockets of Silence," currently on show at the Jerusalem Theater.



Sculpted rock in Nahal Zin in the late afternoon.

(David Brauner)

Perhaps for most of us, the Arava or the Negev is something to get through on the way to Eilat. At a casual glance, the view appears as empty, boring wasteland, devoid of anything worth stopping for. Yet, the desert is anything but, as I found out on a recent visit to Sde Boker and Mitzpe Ramon.

To know the desert, the photographer has to be close to it. That means walking, stopping, waiting and observing. You don't have to go far. Just follow a dry river bed, or one of the many marked trails. Winter is a good time, simply because there's water in the wadis and the sun isn't so sizzling hot. Soft, even afternoon light makes powerful pictures.

The desert is in many ways the ultimate challenge for the photographer. To begin with, its very vastness is a problem to convey. Not even the widest wide-angle lens can capture the richness of the space or the enormity of the silence that one experiences in the desert.

It is far better to take a minimalist approach. Train your eyes to see the small things that indicate the essence of the unforgiving landscape that they are a part of. As you walk along a wadi, you will notice huge boulders becoming loose scree, and slabs underfoot sculpted by thousands of years of seasonally flowing water. A twig growing out of a rock face, animal tracks, the lone acacia tree all make interesting subjects because they contrast survival with the inhospitable.

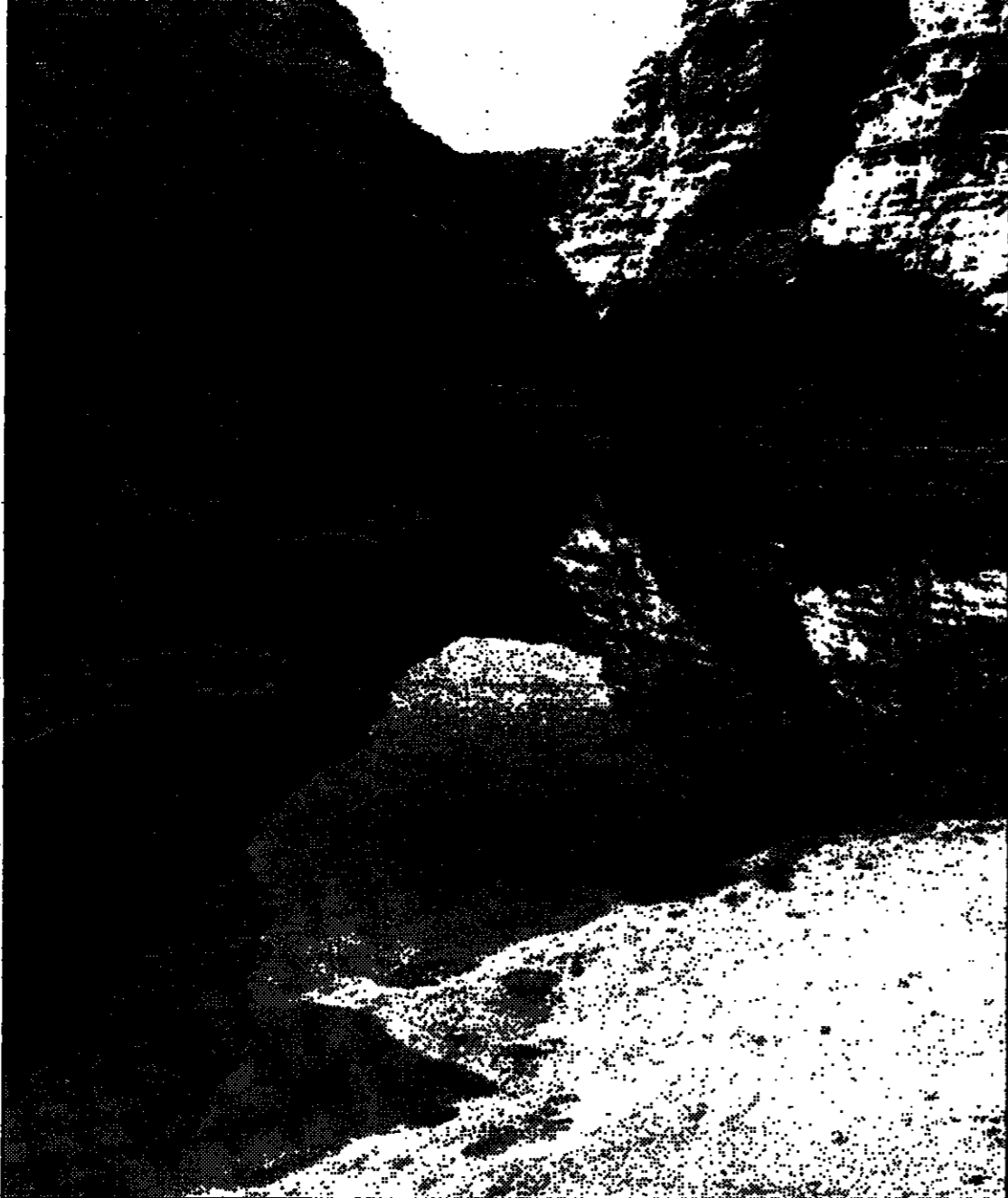
Don't be surprised to see animal life, especially near watering places at dawn and dusk. In the late afternoon we were surprised to find a head of Nubian ibex on a walk along the rim of the Ramon crater. These noble, long-horned wild goats were not camera shy.

For color workers, the desert offers a full palette. The rusts and yellows of the lichen patches growing on the rocks make fine studies. Or contrast

the wide, dark-green leaves of the lily-like asphodel spouting up like a fountain between red and gray rocks. Take advantage of the reflections of quiet pools to make "fold-out" mirror images.

In a few days of desert photography, I used my full range of equipment. The 28 mm. wide-angle lens

came in handy for landscapes and tight places. The 200 mm. telephoto lens served me well for getting closer to the ibex. A set of close-up filters for small flowers and fossils, and red filter was perfect for the dazzling sunsets. But with any camera, the desert is a great place to practice photography.



Reflection in a desert pool, Ein Avdat.

(David Brauner)

HEADS 'N' TAILS

All in the head... or the hormones

By DVORA BEN SHAUL

A reader writes: I was absolutely dumbfounded. I found a tiny kitten about two or three days old and was trying to feed and care for it. One morning the kitten was gone from its carton. I found it in the basket with our three-year-old cocker spaniel. She was nuzzling it and it was suckling from her. I checked, and she actually had milk in her teats. She has always had shots to prevent estrus and has never had puppies. How can one explain this?

Experiments have shown that some animals, and also human females, can lactate under the stimulus of parenting. One particular experiment actually showed that more than half of the women in the study who were all waiting to adopt babies that were to be born within two to three months were able, by concentration and massage, to induce lactation.

I once had a Great Dane bitch that was neither pregnant nor even showing any signs of a pseudo pregnancy but when one of my Canani bitches died just after whelping, the Great Dane at first licked and nuzzled the pups after I had fed them but within a few days started to lactate and raised all four of the pups herself.

In actuality, not a lot is known about the relationship between emotions and hormones although there is plenty of reason to suspect that there is a great amount of interplay in these two areas.

We do know that emotional reactions, such as stress and anxiety, can alter a woman's

menstrual cycle and that the same forces can affect attempts to conceive. We also know that these factors can cause great fluctuations in a man's testosterone level. As for mammals, it's a problem because we know so little about their mental states. In most cases we anthropomorphize and attribute behavioral manifestations to situations that resemble them in humans. But whether these are the same states, we have no way of knowing.

As for pseudo pregnancies in general, goats have them at times and dogs quite often. Some breeds are more prone to this complication than others, in particular cocker spaniels and Labradors.

Although it can happen in any breed, it is most common in smaller breeds. In any case, the situation is something that passes in a few weeks.

The best way to stop it is to change the bitch's routine, take her for a walk in a new place or for a trip in the car. Anything that will, may I say without anthropomorphizing, get her mind off her problems.

As Irish as the Blarney Stone

By DANIEL ROGOV

Throughout the world there is probably not a man, woman or child of Irish descent who is not aware that tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day. This is, however, the first year that those in Israel will have a chance to take part in the festivities. In addition to a gala reception being hosted by the Irish ambassador in Herzliya Pituah, 12 local pubs are devoting a week or longer to the pleasures of Irish music and beverages.

As has happened every year since 1449, the gold and blue flags that usually decorate the cathedral in Dublin have been replaced by green pennants; and in the tiny village of Holmpatrick, the church and every house have been given a washable coat of emerald-green paint in honor of this special day. Throughout Ireland, pubs and restaurants are preparing for an occasion that is traditionally celebrated with an abundance of food and drink.

These celebrations are by no means limited to Ireland. In New York City, eight kilometers of the white line that marks the center of Fifth Avenue has been painted green

and over 40,000 people are expected to take part in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. In total, some 40 million people around the world annually devote a day to the memory of Patrick, a fourth-century saint whose major miracle involved riding Ireland of snakes. There is, however, a rather amusing side to all of this, for even though Patrick is beloved throughout Ireland, there is a good chance that he never did most of the things for which he is given credit.

If there was a St. Patrick at all, he was probably the Scotsman, Succat, who was born in 385, and who changed his name to Patricius only after his acceptance as a priest.

So holy was Patrick considered that nearly every place he ever visited was renamed after him. His birthplace is now Kiltpatrick (the cell of Patrick); he lived in Dalpatrick (the district of Patrick) and visited Craghardrig (the rock of Patrick).

When he was about 19, the saint-to-be set sail for England (need it be said that he sailed from the port now known as Portpatrick). He finally made his way to Ireland, and settled in the village now known as Holmpatrick, near Dublin. Wherever he went, Patrick's main mission in

life was not so much in having towns and churches named for him but in converting heathens to Christianity. The fact that in 1982, Pope John XXIII issued a papal bull declaring that the great saint and his exploits were "more myths than realities" has not stopped Irishmen from accepting Patrick as their patron saint.

The local pubs participating in this celebration of Irish good spirits are M.A.S.H., Joyce, Beers, and Gordon Inn in Tel Aviv; Mike's Place, Champs and Glasnost in Jerusalem; Camel and Kalman in Haifa; La Pub and Scotchman in Netanya; and Big Ben in Tiberies.

Although poteen, the home-

brewed whiskey made in nearly half of the homes of Ireland, will not be available here, there will be no shortage of Irish whiskey, Guinness stout, Irish coffee and Black Velvet, a drink made by gently pouring champagne and Guinness into the same glass.

For the uninitiated, stout is a dark, almost black, mildly sweet and rather potent beer that has the pronounced taste of malt and hops. Author Sean O'Paolain once observed that stout, the drink most often associated with the Emerald Isle, "is every bit as Irish as the Blarney Stone and damned well as Irish as any of the best Irishmen who ever walked of the face of the earth."

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Setine wins TA half-marathon

Tel Aviv mayor Milo vows 'no more marathons'

By JOEL GORDIN

Thirty-seven-year-old Haile Setine strode ahead of a strong field of local and overseas runners to win the Tel Aviv half-marathon race on Friday.

The big, balding, Ethiopian immigrant clocked 1 hour, 3 minutes, 43 seconds, the best time for a half marathon (21.1 km.) run by an Israeli athlete in Israel. It beats Dov Cremer's previous mark by 13 seconds. However it fell short of the course record of 1:02:23 set two years ago by Kenyan Philemon Metto.

The race was held in almost perfect conditions, cold but with no wind or rain. Russian Alexander Gourine took an early lead, but Setine overtook him after nine kilometers and never looked back. Gourine finished second in 1:03:59, Assaf Binuro was third in 1:04:47, and Amit Neuman came in fourth at 1:05:46.

Setine, a father of five, arrived here in 1991 with no running experience and was settled in a caravan site near Akko. His talent was discovered by veteran Italian-born trainer Antonio Santori of the Sulam Tsar Running Club. He now lives in Hadera and is a member of a private running club founded in Kfar Sava by former champion Ya'ir Karni.

Hungarian Helena Baroczi effortlessly won the women's event for the second successive year. However her time of 1:14:35 fell short of her own course record of 1:13:06.

Nili Abramski was second in 1:17:27, only 26 seconds short of the national record set by Zehava Shmueli 10 years ago. The 27-year-old, slim, bespectacled, physiotherapist from Rehovot easily beat her arch-rival Ella Krismass, who was third in 1:20:12.

Krismass, however, refused to abandon the feud between the two women which started at this year's Tiberias Marathon. The new immigrant from Moldavia claimed she "could have won, but was not feeling well."

About 12,000 took part in all the running events including a 6km. popular race and two 2km. fun run.

Tel Aviv mayor Ronnie Milo told Israel Television on Friday night that "there will be no more marathon or half marathons in the city." He said the "suffering caused to motorists was out of proportion to the value of the event."

The Tel Aviv Marathon is organized jointly by the city's municipality and the Hapoel Sports Center. The two organizations appear to be heading for a showdown: Hapoel managing director Yoram Oberkowitz told a press conference after the race that "next year's marathon event, to be held in the shadow of the state's 50th birthday, will be twice as big. We plan to hold a full marathon from Rabin Square to Jaffa and back along the beachfront."

The Tel Aviv Marathon was first held 17 years ago. Three years ago, the full marathon was abandoned as a result of complaints about traffic problems. For the same reason the event was also moved to a Friday, a non-working day for many citizens.

SA take control in second Test

PORT ELIZABETH, SA (AP) — South Africa used a mix of pace and swing yesterday to seize control of the second cricket Test against Australia at St. George's Park.

After bowling out Australia for 108, South Africa scored 83 for no loss to take an overall 184-run lead with three days remaining.

The Australians' joy of bundling out the home side for 209 runs in the opening innings Friday was short-lived as their batsmen failed to overcome the bounce and some disciplined South African bowling.

Australian batsmen scratched around for 70.4 searching overs to negotiate the seam and swing extracted by medium pacemen, scoring at 1.5 runs an over.

The reversal was dramatic, coming after Australia's innings and 196-run victory in the opening Test and some poor South African batting in the first innings of the second Test.

Efes Pilsen to meet French club in Euro League quarters

By BRIAN FREEMAN

The Euro League basketball quarterfinals matchups have been set, following the Final 16 action over the weekend.

Efes Pilsen, which defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv in the Final 16, will take on Villeurbanne in the best-of-three quarterfinals, which are set to begin on March 27.

Panathinaikos, the defending European champions, will have their hands full with a matchup against rival Greek club Olympiakos, making its fifth straight trip to the quarterfinals.

Barcelona, which lost in the championship game last season, will play Time System Bologna, and Stefanel Milan is pitted against Olympia Ljubljana.

Scotland kept trying but could manage only two tries by center Alan Tait and 10 points from full-back Rowen Shepherd.

Tries to Abdel Benazzi and Laurent Leflanand helped France build a 26-13 lead before the teams changed ends.

Scotland were to suffer more punishment after the interval with a try by prop Franck Tournaire before a brilliant move in which all the backs touched the ball to let flanker Olivier Magne in for the final try.

England 34, Wales 13

England gained the consolation of a Five Nations Triple Crown yesterday with a record 34-13 away win over Wales in the last rugby union international to be played at Cardiff Arms Park.

The English, who were aware that France had already put the title out of their reach, reacted with four second-half tries to eclipse their previous best Cardiff

Tarheels give coach sweet victory

North Carolina's Dean Smith is all-time career wins leader

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Dean Smith is in a class by himself.

The North Carolina coach became college basketball's career victory leader yesterday when the top-seeded Tar Heels beat Colorado 73-56 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The 66-year-old Smith had been tied with Adolph Rupp at 876 wins for two days and now he's alone and the Tar Heels (26-6) are in the round of 16 for the 21st time in his 36 seasons.

With former star players such as Sam Perkins, George Karl, Bobby Jones and Mitch Kupchak in the stands at Joel Coliseum and his adoring Carolina faithful filling most of the 14,600-seat building just 80 miles from Chapel Hill, Smith's current squad dominated the ninth-seeded Buffaloes (22-10) in the second half.

"I share it with all the guys who played," Smith said of the record. Smith is 877-253 as a head coach, all at North Carolina, while Rupp, who retired in 1971 and died in 1977, was 876-190 in 41 years, all at Kentucky. The two met seven times with Smith winning five of the games.

The Tar Heels' 14th consecutive victory moves them into the East Regional semifinals next Friday in Syracuse, N.Y., against the winner of the Villanova-California game.

When the game ended, Smith went over and shook hands with the opposing coaches, as he always does, was hugged by some of his players, a rare sight, and then trotted off toward the locker room as he has after every win and loss for 36 years.

Antawn Jamison led the Tar Heels with 19 points and 16 rebounds, while Shammond Williams had 15. Fred Edmonds led the Buffaloes with 18 points.

Colorado led 31-30 after a ragged first half during which Vince Carter, the Tar Heels' third-leading scorer and best perimeter defender, injured his right groin and never returned.

The Tar Heels came out in the second half a different team. The shots that hadn't been falling were and the defense forced turnovers that became easy baskets.

Freshman point guard Ed Coia, the catalyst to North Carolina rebounding from a worst-ever 0-3 Atlantic Coast Conference start, keyed the burst. He hit two 3-pointers in the first seven minutes, the second of which gave the Tar Heels a 48-39 lead. He followed that with a great pass to Serge Zwikker who converted a three-point play for a 12-point lead.

After a basket by Colorado's Dennis Griffin, Ademola Okulaja converted a four-point play for a 55-41 lead with 11:47 left.

A technical foul on Colorado coach Ricardo Patton, who was looking for career win No. 27, came in the middle of an 8-0 run that gave the Tar Heels a 68-45 lead with 8:15 to play. All that was left was to determine the final margin of victory and the celebration.

Zwikker and Okulaja also had 11 rebounds for North Carolina, which finished with a 52-31 advantage on the boards.

It is Smith's 63rd NCAA tournament victory, extending his own record. UCLA's John Wooden is second with 47.

FRIDAY'S GAMES EAST

Coppin State 78, S Carolina 65
Coppin State, which had never won an NCAA tournament game, stunned South Carolina 78-65 in the opening round of the East Regional on Friday night. It was Willie Young scored 24 points

SOUTHEAST
Chattanooga 73, Georgia 70
Tennessee-Chattanooga, the No. 14 seed in the Southeast Regional, scored the first 15 points against third-seeded Georgia, then held on for a 73-70 victory.

MIDWEST
Temple 62, Mississippi 40
Temple shut down Mississippi with its matchup zone defense and beat the Rebels 62-40. Ole Miss' point total was the lowest ever in the Midwest Regional.

"I know what to do with it, but my players don't," Mississippi



BIG SKY — Montana's Eric Bowie flies over Kentucky's Jamaal Magliore (42) on his way to a basket in Thursday night's action. Kentucky won in a rout, 92-54.

only the third time a No. 15 seed has defeated a No. 2 seed.

"We didn't even know it was South Carolina out there," said Reggie Welch, who had 15 rebounds for Coppin State. "We kept on getting confidence, and before you knew it, we were up."

Texas 71, Wisconsin 58
Reggie Freeman broke out of a shooting slump with 31 points as Texas beat Wisconsin. Freeman had shot less than 28 percent from the field in his six previous games.

N Mexico 59, Old Dominion 55
Kenny Thomas scored 15 points and New Mexico shut down high-scoring Odell Hodge to defeat Old Dominion. Hodge was held to seven points, 11 below his average.

Louisville 65, U Mass 57
Freshman Nate Johnson scored 21 points and DeJuan Wheat added 16 despite a painful bout of shoulder tendinitis to lead Louisville.

WEST
NC-Charlotte 79, Georgetown 67
Sean Colson scored 24 points and North Carolina-Charlotte handled Georgetown's press with ease.

Utah 75, Navy 61
Keith Van Horn had 16 points and 11 rebounds as Utah won its 12th straight game. Van Horn passed Danny Ainge to become the WAC's career scoring leader

contributed just 10 of Charlotte's 33 second-half points. The All-Star forward was 17-for-25 from the field, but missed three of his last four attempts down the stretch.

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Friday's results: New Jersey 99, Chicago 98; Philadelphia 108, Minnesota 95; Orlando 86, Charlotte 81; Miami 88, Vancouver 82; Seattle 97, Atlanta 91; Utah 105, Indiana 96; Washington 105, Milwaukee 96; San Antonio 103, Boston 92; Portland 96, Cleveland 73; L.A. Clippers 97; L.A. Lakers 95; Detroit 102, Denver 82; Phoenix 112, L.A. Clippers 96; Toronto 103, Sacramento 96; Golden State 101, Cleveland 95 (OT).

France take grand slam

England top Wales as Carling, Andrews hang up test boots

PARIS (Reuters) — France completed their first ever grand slam on home soil yesterday by crushing Scotland 47-20 in the last Five Nations' match at Parc des Princes.

France, who had won each of their four previous clean sweeps in the tournament on foreign territory, delighted their fans with two tries in each half of a one-sided fight.

The key to their comfortable victory was accurate goalkicking from center Christophe Lamaison, who scored 24 points.

The win was particularly sweet for the French, who had been waiting for a grand slam for 10 years and were looking forward to a stylish conclusion to 24 years of adventure at Parc des Princes.

France moved ahead with a penalty by Lamaison after two minutes and stayed in front for the entire match despite brave attempts by the visitors.

McDaniel leads Nets past stunned Bulls

Recording his 38th double-double of the season, Antoine Carr matched his season-high with 15 points, including nine in the fourth quarter.

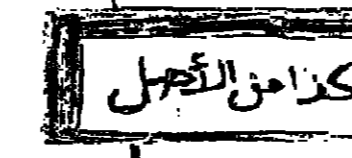
Reggie Miller scored 23 for Indiana, but failed to make a field goal in the second half as a tight defense limited him to only four shots in the final two quarters.

Miami was held scoreless for nearly six minutes down the stretch, but Keith Askins hit a 20-footer with 29 seconds left to secure a home victory.

The Heat handed the Grizzlies their 12th straight loss and moved into a first-place tie with New York in the Atlantic Division.

Magic 86, Hornets 81
Penny Hardaway scored 27 points and host Orlando overcame its poor shooting in the fourth quarter to snap Charlotte's six-game winning streak.

The Magic missed 15 of 19 shots in the last period, but were able to protect what was once a



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CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar down after tame inflation casts doubt on rate hike. NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the German mark and was barely changed versus the Japanese yen on Friday after a surprisingly tame inflation report prompted doubts that the Federal Reserve will soon raise interest rates and traders took profits ahead of the weekend.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks up on inflation data

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Stocks and bonds rose while the dollar was mixed on Friday as news of mild inflation eased Wall Street's fears about rising interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 56.57 points to 6,935.46, recouping about a third of Thursday's 160-point drop sparked by strong February US retail sales data that rekindled fears of inflation and higher interest rates.

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NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

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US COMMODITIES

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON - The UK's leading FTSE 100 share index ended on a stronger note, tracking Wall Street higher after the latest US inflation figures eased fears of a near-term US interest rate hike. The blue chip index, which spent most of the session struggling in negative territory, cleared the 4,400 hurdle late in the session and ended 26.6 points higher at 4,424.3, rising four points from Friday week.

FRANKFURT - German shares reverse course to close bourse trade higher, with buying interest still alive on the domestic side, but volumes modest and market eyeing US data. The DAX index closed up 9.48 points at 3,359.29, down 60.22 from last week. In post-bourse trade the DAX index stood at 3,404.29.

PARIS - French stocks closed higher on a sharper than expected fall in US producer prices that quelled fears of an imminent rise in US interest rates. The blue-chip CAC-40 index finished up 13.52 points or 0.51% to 2,645.62, down 62.66 from last Friday.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended firmer and near the day's high after storming back from a slide of nearly 100 points. "It was the biggest counter-move I have ever seen," one trader said, adding that better-than-expected US data and a recovery on Wall Street were instrumental in the late rise. The All-Share Swiss Performance Index (SPI) was up 12.27 points, or 0.42% to 2,934.97, a drop of 3.47 from the seventh of March.

WALL STREET WEEK

Turbulence ahead as markets await Fed meeting. NEW YORK (Reuter) - Wall Street is in for another turbulent week as nervous investors try to gauge whether the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates this month. The Fed's policy-making Federal Open Market Committee is to meet on March 25, and market players have been struggling to gain insight into Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's thinking. Adding to the volatile mix is the fact the Friday will see the "triple witching" expiration of S&P futures, stock options and index options, which traditionally makes for volatile trading.

Four components will be dropped from the Dow Jones industrial average as of tomorrow and be replaced by four stocks which are, on the whole, more volatile. "We could have a pretty wild week. With triple-witching and such a wide divergence of opinions as to what the Fed will do, we could see some pretty big swings," said Roy Blumberg, chief investment strategist at Josephthal Lyon & Ross. "Some people say that they are absolutely certain the Fed will tighten rates, others say that there is no justification for that to be found in the data." Last week, the market responded to data on a day-to-day basis. Thursday, the Dow tumbled 160.43 points, or 2.28 percent, to 6,878.89 on stronger-than-forecast February retail sales.

Friday, a drop in February producer prices, and industrial production and capacity use figures pointing to tame inflation, sent the average up 56.57 points, or 0.82%, to close at 6,935.46. For the week, it fell 65.43 points. But analysts generally agreed that Friday's recovery was not impressive and for the most part was led by a narrow group of stocks. Bonds edged higher but mostly remained moribund in the face of data that should have sparked a strong rally. Data next week will be no less closely watched. The Consumer Price Index is due on Wednesday and the Philadelphia Federal Reserve survey is expected on Thursday. "People will try to get an indication from these numbers whether Greenspan will raise rates," said Bill Meenan, analyst at Prudential Securities. "He wants to do it. He has to counterbalance that desire with the potential political ramifications of raising rates without evidence that we have a clear inflation problem."

Michael Metz, chief investment strategist at Oppenheimer & Co., believes that recent data overall point to an economy growing faster than Greenspan would like. "A rate hike would be the first of several moves which would dampen economic growth, raise interest expenses for companies and produce earnings disappointments as the year progresses. Tactical asset allocators are starting to think that bonds are better than stocks. You may see money flows going to the bond market at the expense of equities." For the first time in six years, the Dow average of 30 blue-chip stocks will get new members and lose old ones. Travelers Group Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co., Johnson & Johnson and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will replace Westinghouse Electric Corp., Texaco Inc., Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Woolworth Corp. Analysts said dropping Westinghouse, Bethlehem Steel and Woolworth in favor of higher-priced stocks would add as much as 20% of volatility to the average.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Cain't say no to *Oklahoma!*, the Light Opera Group of the Negev (LOGON) production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's all-time great classic musical. Gabriella (Sound of Music) Lewis and Rosa Howden share Laurey. Stephen Howden is her sweetheart Curly, and marvelous Marcus Meyerowitz is "pore" Jud Fry. Director Meir Vardi keeps the farmers and the cowmen hoppin' and music director David Waldman wields his baton over "People will say we're in love." "Oh what a beautiful morning," and of course the show-stopping title tune. Tonight at the Jerusalem Theater at 8:30 (Hebrew subtitles).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Christopher Wilkins leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and Bach's Third Orchestral Suite. The center of the program features Copland's captivating jazz-oriented clarinet concerto, commissioned and premiered by Benny Goodman and now performed by electrifying Israeli clarinetist Orit Orbach. Tonight, tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

Dimona music lovers can revel tonight as the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba presents an evening of Slavic opera highlights with Uri Mayer conducting selections from *The Bartered Bride* (Smetana), *Rusalka* (Dvorak) and *Eugene Onegin* (Tchaikovsky) with soprano Larisa Tatev and tenor Yevgeny Shapovalov (8:30).

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Tonight's Documentary Box (Channel 2, 11:20), features a film called *Na'ana Needs Lots of Water*. The film's thesis is that architecture was used as an instrument of political and social suppression in pre-'67 Jerusalem. For example, ugly housing projects were created for security reasons, in order to form a wall. The film, directed by Uri Vaknin, makes its point through the story of Mazal, a tenement resident who descends to the



Christopher Wilkins conducts Elgar and Bach in Haifa.

valley to pick *na'ana* (mint leaves) for her tea.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** MARS ATTACKS! - Director Tim Burton's tongue-in-cheek tribute to sci-fi movies of the '50s has about it a darkly playful look and quick-skitt sense of humor. The storyline - which charts the invasion of the earth by a fleet of Martian spaceships - is reminiscent of last year's *Independence Day*, but Burton's visual trickery is much quirkier and more eccentric than anything the masterminds of *ID* ever dreamed up. Both in terms of spoken punchlines and traditional narrative, Jonathan Gem's script is a bit weak, although it helps to keep in mind that he and Burton drew their initial inspiration for the film from a rare set of Topps trading cards from the early '60s - in other words, from a series of bright, static pictures. The film makes less sense as a neatly ordered linear tale than it does as a group of wildly fanciful, less-than-sensical camp tableaux. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Evening News
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

9:00 Harzi and Zorim
9:30 Destinos
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Social Sciences
10:45 Arithmetic
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
12:30 Social Sciences
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:30 Mobar
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormoms from Mars
15:55 Booby
16:00 Five on the Radio
16:25 Byker Grove
16:45 Super Ben
16:55 Zap to Bezel
16:59 A New Evening
17:00 Mobar
17:00 Impromprovision
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kamala Studio
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News flash
19:31 With Tom and Dick
20:00 News
20:45 A Second Look
21:30 Personal Story
22:00 The Carrot Quintet
22:30 World Soccer
23:30 News
00:00 Daily Verse

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Yogi Bear
6:55 This Morning - with Gail Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:00 The Morning - with Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Senora
10:45 Dynasty (pt)
11:40 A Law (pt)
12:30 Gentle and the Captain
13:00 Open Cards
14:00 Just Us - new drama series
14:15 The Frinstones
15:30 Madison
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshaf
17:30 Click
18:00 Roseanne
18:30 Can't Hurry Love
19:00 Crazy Candid Camera
19:15 Backwards
20:00 News
20:30 Dudu Topaz
22:30 Rafi Reshaf
23:00 Documentary Box
23:50 Escape from New York (1981) - in the year 1997.
Manhattan is a prison, where a convict is sent to rescue the president whose plane has been hijacked by terrorists.
With Kurt Russell, Lee Van Cleef and Ernest Borgnine.
00:00 News
00:15 Escape from New York - continued
1:45 Moonlight - with Michael Shavit
2:30 Mozart into the Night
3:10 On the Edge of the Shelf

CHANNEL 2

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 The Heart of Things
16:30 Possible World
17:00 Zombit
17:30 High-Tech Culture
18:00 Cybermoms
18:30 Media File
19:00 Harzi and Zorim
19:30 Vis a Vis
19:30 A New Evening
20:30 Destinos
21:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
21:45 Number Seven (1932) - a cheerful tramp uncovers a den of jewel thieves in this very early Hitchcock comic thriller (30 mins.).
22:45 A Tribute to Django Reinhardt
23:10 Solo - the hap 23:10 Jerusalem in Art

FAMILY CHANNEL

16:15 Lapidator (pt)
7:30 Love Story with Guy Fines
8:00 Dallas
9:00 One Life to Live (pt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:00 Days of Our Life (pt)
11:15 Zingara (pt)
12:00 Barney Jones
12:45 The Streets of San Francisco
13:35 Duet
14:00 Dallas
14:15 Days of Our Life
15:25 The Nanny
15:00 Hercules
16:45 Zingara
17:30 Good Evening with Guy Fines
18:00 Star Trek
Broadcast: Murphy Brown

JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:05 Johnny Quest
14:30 Problem Child
15:00 French programs
16:00 Global Family
16:30 News Express
16:50 Our World, Their World
17:15 All Our Children
18:00 French programs
19:30 News headlines
19:35 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:00 World Echo
20:30 Side Effects - medical drama
21:10 Tycoons
22:25 Hot Shots
23:00 Sisters - soap opera

MIDDLE EAST TV

11:30 Changed Lives
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Your Day
14:30 John Cleese
15:00 In Touch
16:00 Snowy River
16:55 Americans
17:00 Home Made Videos
17:20 The A-Team
18:10 Hunter
19:00 To Be announced

MOVIE CHANNEL

11:30 Stoning in Fulham County (1983)
12:00 Best of the Best
13:05 New in the Cinema
13:20 Bickass S'En Vont En Guerre
14:00 The Untouchables - comedy with the Charlots group as undisciplined soldiers who escape from military jail (84 mins.)
14:20 Moondance (1994) - Irish drama about the love of two women. With Marianne Faithfull (88 mins.)
16:25 And the Band Played On (1993)
17:00 The Untouchables
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19:15 The Young and the Restless
20:00 Sunset Beach
20:50 Trivia King
21:15 Friends - new season
21:40 E.R. - new season
22:00 Love Story with Yossi Sivas
23:00 Friends (pt)
23:25 E.R. (pt)
00:15 ENG Newsroom
1:05 Barnaby Jones

CABLE

16:15 The Thirst of Years
17:00 Weekly Column
17:30 The Heart of Things
18:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 A Second Look
21:30 Personal Story
22:00 The Carrot Quintet
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00:00 Daily Verse

DISCOVERY

6:00 Open University
7:00 The Moroccan Jews: Man and Music
8:00 Survival of the Apes (pt)
9:00 Delicious Europe - Switzerland (pt)
10:30 Ancient Warriors, part 2: The Celts (pt)
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CHILDREN

6:30 Cartoons
8:00 Hillsong
9:00 The Heart of Things
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11:00 Open University (pt)
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15:00 Open University (pt)

EUROSPORT

9:30 Equestrian: Volvo World Cup (pt)
10:30 Alpine Skiing: World Cup Final, US (pt)
12:00 Motorcycling: Euro Open Series, Spain - live opening of a new round
14:00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup Final, US (pt)
15:00 Snowboard: FIS World Cup, France
16:00 Cycling: Paris-Nice Race, France
18:00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup Final, US (pt)
19:00 Tennis: ATP Tour, US
20:30 NCAA Basketball
23:00 The Tonight Show

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PRIME SPORTS

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7:00 NBA Inside Stuff
7:30 Badminton: England vs. USA
8:00 Football: Championship semi-finals
11:30 NBA Inside Stuff
12:00 Rugby: Five Nations Championship - France vs. Scotland
15:00 Cricket: Indian Tour of West Indies
16:00 Golf: This is PGA Tour
18:30 Cricket: Indian Tour of West Indies
23:00 NBA Game of the week: Chicago Bulls vs. Atlanta Hawks (pt)
1:00 Showjumping: Volvo World Cup
2:00 Chinese League Basketball
3:00 Winter Sports

CHILDREN

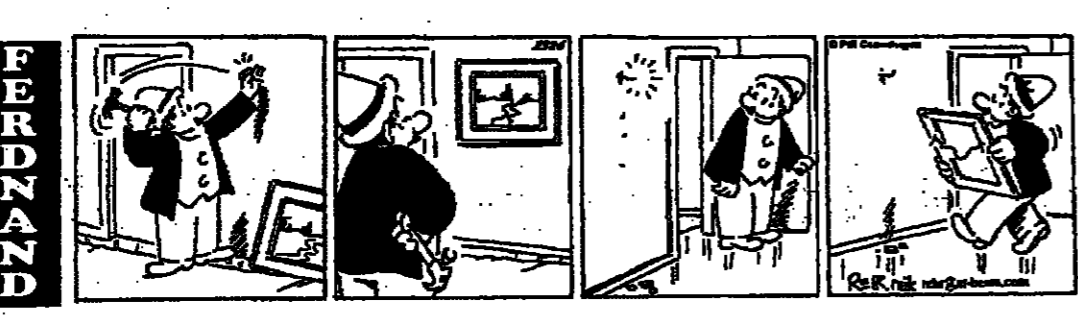
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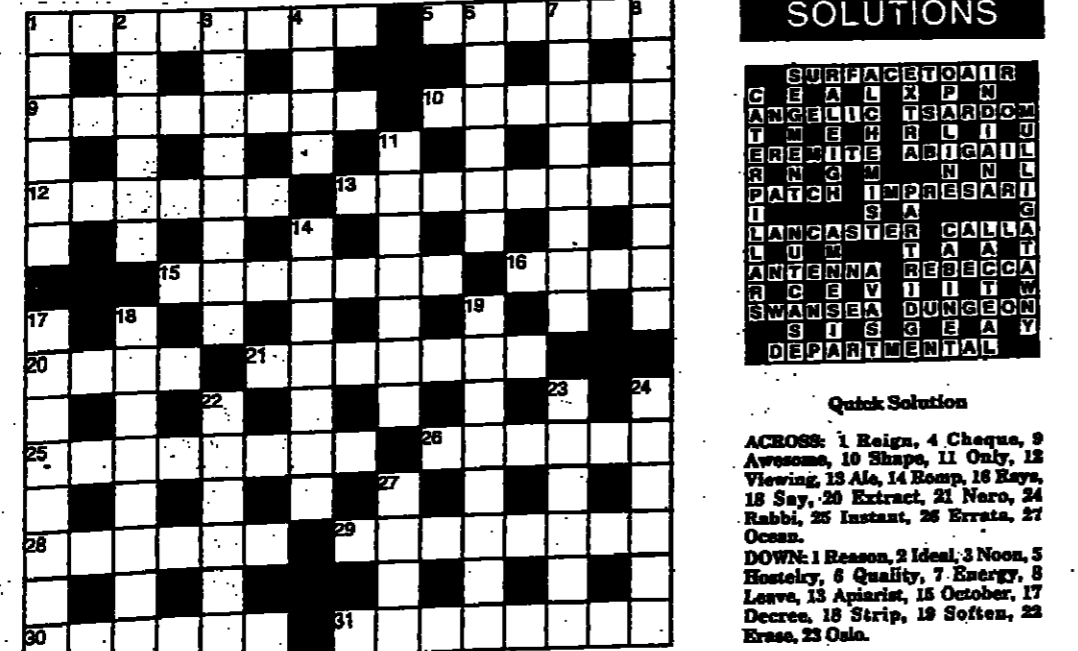
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Rank stuff a worker may produce (8)
5 Pass on some grim particulars (6)
9 Look at a range that's less lavish (8)
10 Crusoe's disastrous voyage (6)
12 Go off each and every player (6)
13 Rejected sweets but still put weight on (8)
15 Lower? Blow! (3,4)
16 Spot a little animal seldom seen (4)
20 Turn the record (4)
21 Robber group carrying equipment (7)
25 Get depressed when left suffering (8)
26 Damaging a green might well cause anger (6)



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Shupor (6)
4 Dark ale (6)
7 Predatory fish (9)
9 Harbour (4)
10 Panache (4)
11 Cap (5)
13 Look on (6)
14 Rely (6)
15 Trial (6)
17 Incentive (6)
19 Giver (5)
20 Dismal (4)
22 Cease (4)
23 Home (9)
24 Leap (5)
25 Occupant (6)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

DOWN
1 Resist making a connection (6)
2 Gathered in study clutching exercises (6)
3 At one time the nurse called for a stretcher (8)
4 People want to be in this (4)
6 Low before Edward proposed (6)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Reign, 4 Cheque, 9 Avonmore, 10 Shape, 11 Only, 12 Viewing, 13 Ale, 14 Romp, 15 Rays, 16 Say, 20 Extant, 21 Nara, 24 Rabbit, 25 Instant, 26 Errata, 27 Ocean.
DOWN: 1 Reason, 2 Ideal, 3 Neer, 5 Hostelry, 6 Quality, 7 Energy, 8 Laws, 13 Asterisk, 18 October, 17 Decree, 19 Strip, 18 Soften, 23 Erase, 25 Oala.

QUICK CROSSWORD

DOWN
1 Lethargy (6)
2 Orderly (4)
3 Worked for (6)
4 Chase (6)
5 Go mounted (4)
6 Wrecked (6)
7 Army officer (9)
8 Relieve (9)
11 Wide (5)
12 Male singer (5)
15 Keyboard instruments (6)
16 Mooing (6)
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15:00 Mozart: Symphony no 39; Alban Berg: Violin concerto
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18:00 New CDs - Chopin: Sonata no 3; Schubert: Fantasy; Schubert: Der heilige Krieger opus 2005 From Our Contact Lists - live from Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir, cond. Aharon Harlap; Itzhak Perlman (piano), Dan Ettinger (bassoon), Ram Golan (trumpet). Special concert of works by Yehozkel Braun
23:00 Sounds to End the Day

NEWS

in brief

Prisoners of Zion to be commended

Former Prisoners of Zion, and those who were killed due to their Zionist activities, will be honored in a ceremony at the Knesset today. Some 150 Prisoners of Zion from several countries will be presented with medals and certificates of appreciation at the ceremony.

Report: Deri plans to leave political life

Shas leader Aryeh Deri has been making plans to leave political life after the investigation into the Bar-On Affair is completed, but has received a letter from kabbalist Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie begging him to not do so, Channel 2 reported on Friday night.

In the letter, the contents of which were revealed on the channel's Friday Studio program, Kadourie writes he had heard of Deri's intentions to retire as head of Shas and pursue Torah study and business projects.

"You cannot do these things," the report quoted Kadourie as saying. "I call loudly on [you], Rabbi Deri, in fact, I command you, to retract this [decision]."

1 killed, 9 injured on roads

A man was killed and nine people were injured, one seriously, in road accidents over the weekend.

A 77-year-old man suffered heart failure while he was driving in Petah Tikva and his car hit three other cars. He was declared dead at Sharon Hospital. Another man was seriously injured in a collision in Kfar Sava on Friday night. Eight soldiers were lightly injured when the truck they were riding in skidded on a wet road and overturned Friday afternoon between Moaz and Carmel in the south Hebron hills.

Heavy snow falls on Mt. Hermon

Heavy snow fell on Mt. Hermon over the weekend, adding another layer of white to the slopes of the ski site, as mid-March rains and occasional thunderstorms swept other parts of the country. Staff at the ski site said another 20 cm. of snow had accumulated on the mountain, raising hopes that it will be able to remain open for skiing until Purim and perhaps even later.

The weather bureau reported that more snow is likely on the northern peak, with rain, accompanied by strong winds and some thunderstorms, in other parts of the country in the coming days. The cold, wet front is expected to last through Wednesday.

Winning Cards

The winning cards in Friday's Mifal Hapayis Chance draw were the seven of spades, 10 of hearts, jack of diamonds and king of clubs.

Conference addresses Diaspora-Israel relationship

By URIEL HELLMAN

Responding to the criticism heaped upon current relations between Israel and the Diaspora by his colleagues, executive director of the Peres Institute for Peace Uri Savir asserted last week that "secular American Jews have more connection with their tradition than the Jews of Israel."

Savir was speaking at the two-day 1997 Annual Conference on Public Administration, which brought together a variety of public officials to discuss issues of import to the Israeli community, among them the changing face of Israel-Diaspora relations.

Savir said that his Jewish identity developed from his relationship with Diaspora Jews.

"They may not be very interested in Israeli society," he said referring to his Diaspora counterparts, "but we have even less interest in what is going on

there. "We also have a problem of Jewish identity," he proclaimed, noting that despite his being a secular Jew, he believed that the key to rectifying the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora is "to involve ourselves, as Israelis, more in our Jewish identity... so we can be able to share a common connection with Diaspora Jewry."

Speaking before him, Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein stressed the importance of building a partnership between Israel and the Diaspora in light of the declining significance of Jewish tradition and nationalism among the world's Jews.

"We need to find a new model for working together," he said. "The problems that bother us are not necessarily the problems that bother the Diaspora. We have to find our common interests... academic, professional or Jewish."

New Yorkers lament Kiryat Yam mayor not suitable for post

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - New York, which only reluctantly conceded that Israel - not the Big Apple - may be the center of the Jewish world, had been put off by Jerusalem's delay in appointing a new consul-general and now seems offended by the candidate who was finally named.

"Is it too much to ask for Israeli representatives here who can speak fluent English and whose credentials extend further than a political friendship with David Levy?" Gary Rosenblatt, editor and publisher of *The New York Jewish Week*, wrote in Friday's edition.

Rosenblatt's column was the first significant, public reaction to the word that Shmuel Siso of Kiryat Yam would replace Colette Avital at the consulate in New York.

Siso, for New Yorkers, is the unknown mayor of a town that most could not locate on the map. He is also the choice of Foreign Minister Levy, who himself is a virtual mystery man in the American Jewish community.

As the media, cultural, financial, and Jewish capital of the US, New York reckoned itself to be a post that the Diaspora-

savvy Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would fill quickly with an envoy brimming with prestige, polish, and panache. New Yorkers were accustomed to the likes of Uri Savir, and even Avital, who has been feted in a months-long series of "farewell tributes" that overlook her often-acrimonious relationship with the anti-Oslo camp.

Rosenblatt's column, titled "Missing Colette Already," frets that the choice of the Moroccan-born Siso may indicate Netanyahu's interest in improving Diaspora relations is only lip service.

But he also alludes to a "hint of racism," reflecting an undercurrent here implying that Sephardim cannot represent Israel as well as Ashkenazim.

Rosenblatt also suggests that Israel is being harmed by the "lack of a forceful Israeli voice in the US."

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the envoy to the US, "is not taken seriously by top Washington officials, in part because he is given to expressing his hawkish political views," Rosenblatt writes, adding there is "no one to counter the anti-Israel rhetoric of visiting Arab leaders like Yasser Arafat and Hosni Mubarak."

Uproar over Dotan's early release from prison

By ARREN O'SULLIVAN

The Movement for Quality Government is demanding a reversal of last Thursday's decision to release Rami Dotan, a former senior IAF procurement officer who embezzled millions of dollars, after he has served only half his sentence, saying his release would demonstrate that not all are equal under the law.

A military committee decided to release the former brigadier-general on April 21, even though he will have served only half his 13-year sentence. The committee cited Dotan's poor health as the main factor in the decision.

Dotan was sentenced by a military court and demoted to private in 1991 after being convicted, along with two others, of bribery, fraud and theft.

Between 1984 and 1990, Dotan, then head of IAF procurement, skimmed off millions of dollars from contracts with

General Electric for jet engine improvement work in Israel. Dotan took some \$10 million in an affair that rocked the air force and defense industries.

The committee did put restrictions on Dotan as a condition of his release: Dotan must keep secret any classified information he may remember, and is forbidden to travel abroad.

The Movement for Quality Government has sent letters to IDF Judge Advocate-General

Brig-Gen. Uri Shoham and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, demanding that the decision be reversed.

"This is setting a grave precedent that not only abrogates the principle that all are equal in the eyes of the law, but also does little to deter white-collar crime," said Dorit Basman, spokesman for the movement. "If our letters are not given the proper consideration then we may turn to the High Court of Justice."

Hadash protests policies in Nazareth

By DAVID RUDGE

More than 1,500 people marched through Nazareth's main street yesterday in a demonstration organized by the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Hadash) to protest the government's policies and to "save the peace process."

The demonstration followed the decision by Israeli-Arab leaders at the end of last week to call a general strike of the entire Arab sector on Land Day (March 30) to protest the government's "settlement policies."

The parade in Nazareth yesterday, which was licensed by police, passed peacefully and was followed by a rally at the city's Friendship House with the participation of Hadash MKs and local council heads. Towards the end, however, several bottles were thrown at police on duty in the area. There were no injuries. Police later detained a teenager on suspicion of being involved in the incident.

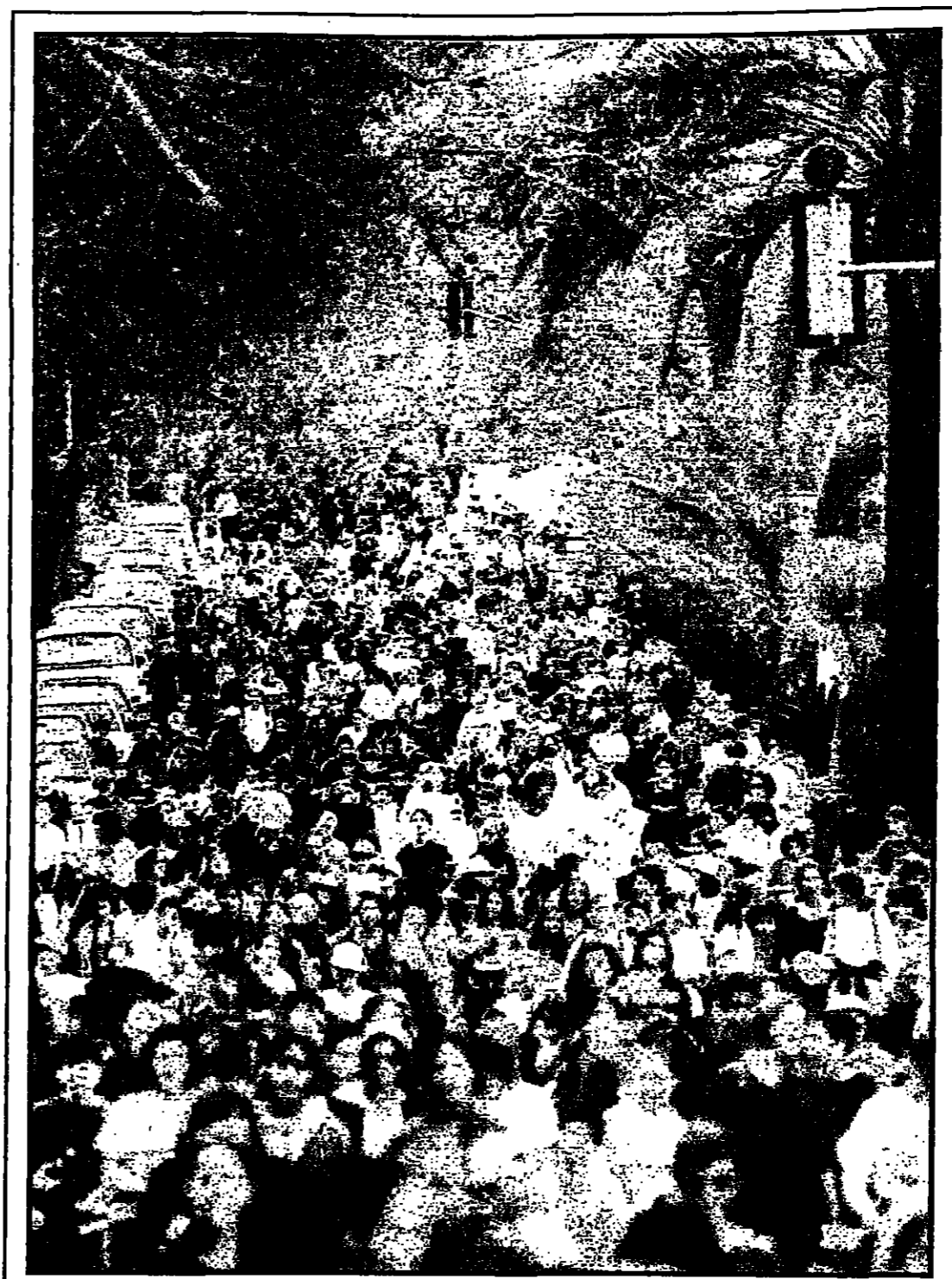
The decision to call a general strike on Land Day was taken at a meeting, in Rahat in the Negev last Thursday, of the Israeli-Arab leadership's monitoring committee, composed of the 53 Arab council heads, MKs and leading public figures.

It will be the first time in many years that Land Day will be marked by a general strike and rallies instead of picnics and a holiday-like atmosphere.

"The decision was taken in light of everything that has happened recently and as a form of protest against the government's policies," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the forum of Arab Council Heads.

It also was decided at the meeting to hold rallies and ceremonies in the Negev and in Galilee on Land Day, which marks the 21st anniversary of the first demonstrations in 1976 to protest against the expropriation of Arab-owned land. The protests on that occasion erupted into violent clashes with the security forces in which six Arabs were killed and dozens of demonstrators and police were injured.

Suleiman, who is also head of Mash'had local council near Nazareth, said the decision to call a general strike was in protest over the government's decision to build on Har Homa, as well as "continuing excavations under al-Aksa and the expropriation of land in the Negev."



The last lap? Runners in the Tel Aviv [half] Marathon clog the city's streets Friday. After the race Mayor Ronni Milo told organizers there would be no more marathons in Tel Aviv, due to the economic damage and nuisance it causes the city and its residents. The mayor offered to help the organizers move the marathon elsewhere. Story, Page 8. (Israel Sun)

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Gene	11	52	18	84	clear
Chicago	-11	12	-01	30	clear
Hong Kong	13	56	21	70	cloudy
Johannesburg	10	50	18	61	clear
London	14	57	18	64	cloudy
Los Angeles	-08	21	00	32	clear
Moscow	-06	21	00	32	clear
New York	05	43	11	62	partly cloudy
Paris	08	48	14	57	cloudy

MDA to hold warning strike tomorrow

By JUDY SIEGEL

Magen David Adom staff will hold a one-hour warning strike from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow - with ambulance station personnel refusing to answer calls for help - unless their demands for additional staff and duty pay are met.

The strike is set to coincide with the opening of MDA's national convention.

Workers at the first-aid, ambulance, and blood-supply organization have been begging for the last five years for a medic to accompany ambulance drivers, since when out on a call, drivers have to worry about traffic while the patient is alone in the back. MDA workers are also demanding the special duty pay received by hospital workers and an allotment for dangerous duty, such as evacuating injured at chemical installations.

The Treasury has so far refused these demands, even though Fire and Rescue Service workers do receive this additional pay. Health Minister Yehoshua Marza said last week that he would bring together officials from the two ministries to discuss the crisis tomorrow morning, before the warning strike.

If the strike takes place, those needing emergency help will have to find another way to reach the hospital or an ambulance station during that hour.

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